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TOWN OFFICERS, 1925-1926

Elected and Appointed

Board of Selectmen

FREDERICK L. SPRINGFORD, Chairman	Term expires 1926
ROBERT E. PARKER, Secretary	" " 1927
CHARLES F. TREVOR	" " 1928
LEON G. BENT, Clerk	

Board of Public Welfare

FREDERICK L. SPRINGFORD, Chairman	Term expires 1926
ROBERT E. PARKER, Secretary	" " 1927
CHARLES F. TREVOR	" " 1928
LEON G. BENT, Clerk	HELEN A. BROWN, Visitor

Board of Assessors

EDWARD B. EAMES, Chairman	Term expires 1926
J. FRED RICHARDSON, Secretary	" " 1928
ALVAH W. CLARK	" " 1927

Town Clerk

MILLARD F. CHARLES

Treasurer

WILFRED A. BANCROFT

Collector of Taxes

GRACE V. VIALL

Town Counsel

*JESSE W. MORTON
‡CHARLES P. HOWARD

Moderator

JESSE W. MORTON

Town Accountant

LEON G. BENT

*Resigned.
‡Appointed for unexpired term.

Board of Public Works

JOHN W. OWEN, Chairman	Term expires 1928
MILES C. HIGGINS, Secretary	" " 1927
JOSEPH W. BOOTH	" " 1926
FRANK C. CARTER	" " 1927
WILLIAM S. KINSLEY	" " 1928

HARRY B. COLLINS, Supt.

Board of Health

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M. D., Chairman	Term expires 1928
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" " 1927
CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.	" " 1926

Finance Committee

*GEORGE H. CLOUGH, Chairman	Term expires Mar. 31, 1928
WILLIAM A. HALEY	" " " " 1926
JAMES P. CARLETON	" " " " 1926
FREDERICK D. SPERRY	" " " " 1926
SPENCER G. STEWART	" " " " 1926
MOLLIE A. SWEETSER	" " " " 1926
ELIAS B. CURRELL	" " " " 1927
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD	" " " " 1927
JOHN H. FARNUM	" " " " 1927
HOWARD P. KNOX	" " " " 1927
OTIS B. RUGGLES	" " " " 1927
LOGAN R. DICKIE	" " " " 1928
JOHN L. DEVANEY	" " " " 1928
MARGARET R. ELLISON	" " " " 1928
HARRY G. PORCH	" " " " 1928
‡EDWARD W. BRIGGS	" " " " 1928

LEON G. BENT, Clerk

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman	Term expires 1926
LEONE F. QUIMBY	" " 1926
MARION B. TEMPLE	" " 1927
RUTH A. LUMSDEN	" " 1927
JOSEPHINE L. FOWLER	" " 1928
ALBERT R. SHEPARDSON	" " 1928

ADELBERT L. SAFFORD, Supt. of Schools, Secretary

School Attendance Officer

ABIGAIL H. MINGO

*Resigned.

‡Appointed for unexpired term.

Municipal Light Board

WILLIAM G. LONG, Chairman	Term expires	1926
HERBERT G. EVANS, Secretary	" "	1927
HARRY P. BAKER	" "	1928

ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager, Municipal Light Dept.

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery

GALEN A. PARKER, Chairman	Term expires	1926
PHILIP H. TIRRELL, Secretary	" "	1927
*WILLIAM S. KINSLEY	" "	1926
‡CLARENCE C. WHITE	" "	1926
CHESTER P. EELES	" "	1927
FRANK L. EDGERLEY	" "	1928
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY	" "	1928

ALFRED E. GOODWIN, Supt. of Cemetery

Board of Registrars

OWEN McKENNEY, Chairman	Term expires	1927
PRESTON F. NICHOLS	" "	1926
WALTER S. PRENTISS	" "	1928

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Clerk

Playground Commission

ARTHUR S. COOK, Chairman

MABEL H. BROWN	§LOUISE E. BURRAGE
HAROLD F. PARKER	HARRY E. SMITH

Planning Board

WILLARD P. ADDEN, Chairman	Term expires	1927
*HELEN R. GRIMES, Secretary	" "	1926
*MARY F. DANIEL	" "	1926
‡HARRIETT P. LEUCHTMAN	" "	1926
‡HARRY C. BARR	" "	1926
W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM	" "	1928
MELVILLE FULLER WESTON	" "	1928

Trustees of Public Library

§HORACE G. WADLIN, Chairman	Term expires	1928
ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD, Secretary	" "	1927
CHARLES F. DOUGHTY	" "	1926
‡JESSE W. MORTON	" "	1926
EDITH BANCROFT	" "	1927
RALPH S. KENEELEY	" "	1928
IDA C. LUCAS	" "	1928

BERTHA L. BROWN, Librarian

GRACE J. ABBOTT, Assistant Librarian

*Resigned. ‡Appointed to fill vacancy. §Deceased.

Police Department

JEREMIAH CULLINANE, Chief

TIMOTHY J. CULLINANE	PATRICK J. LONG
OSCAR H. LOW	WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN
FRANCIS T. SLACK	DANIEL T. SCANLON
FRANK R. FISHER	HAROLD W. O'BRIEN

Fire Department

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Chief

HUGH L. EAMES, Capt.	JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Lieut.
FRANK L. McKENNEY	WILLIAM H. VANHORN
GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE	CHARLES HESELTON

HERBERT L. ROBERTSON

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

HUGH L. EAMES

Forest Warden

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

Deputy Forest Warden

HENRY M. DONEGAN

Constables

LEON G. BENT	JOHN J. McKENNEY

Inspector of Milk

CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing

DAVID TAGGART

Inspector of Animals

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Inspector of Wires

ARTHUR G. SIAS

Inspector of Buildings

A. RUSSELL BARNES

Sealer of Weights and Measures

CARL M. SMITH

Superintendent of Moth Department and Tree Warden

HENRY M. DONEGAN

Burial Agent for Deceased Soldiers and Sailors
(Under Chapter 115, Section 19, General Laws)
CHARLES STOREY

Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves
(Under Chapter 115, Section 22, General Laws)
ALFRED E. GOODWIN

Board of Appeal
MAHLON E. BRANDE
PHILIP H. TIRRELL — FRED L. NUTTER

Measurers of Wood and Bark
THOMAS E. BROGAN — PERCY N. SWEETSER
BURTON K. SYMONDS — WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE

Measurers of Lumber
ORA L. MILBURY — BURTON K. SYMONDS
WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE — WILLIAM R. ZWICKER
EDWARD B. EAMES — ROLLAND L. PERRY

Weighers of Coal and Hay
W. IRVING BANCROFT — THOMAS E. BROGAN
BERTHA D. MacLELLAN — MABEL L. MacKAY
WENDELL B. NEWELL — PERCY N. SWEETSER
CHARLES W. LEE — WILLIAM H. WHITE

Field Drivers
WILLARD A. BANCROFT — ADOLPH S. LARSON
ROLLAND L. PERRY

Fence Viewers
J. W. AUSTIN — ALBERT E. TEMPLE
THOMAS E. WALL

Workingmen's Compensation Agent
(Chapter 152, Section 75, General Laws)
WILFRED A. BANCROFT

Director of Agriculture and Home Economics
(Chapter 128, Section 41, General Laws)
ROLLAND L. PERRY

Fuel Administrator
HENRY Q. MILLETT

TOWN OF READING

Population 1925 Census, 8693.

Registered Voters 1925: Men 1970, Women 1726—total 3696.

Fifth Congressional District.

Sixth Councillor District.

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.

*Representative in Congress, 5th District, John Jacob Rogers, Lowell.

‡Representative in Congress, 5th District, Edith Nourse Rogers, Lowell.

Councillor 6th District, Charles S. Smith, Lincoln.

Senator 7th Middlesex District, Charles P. Howard, Reading.

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Gustav W. Everberg, Woburn, Lemuel W. Standish, Stoneham.

*Deceased.

‡Elected for unexpired term.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1925—1926

Prepared by Board of Selectmen

Adams, George H., Farmer	160 Haverhill St.
Akerley, Oliver L., Manufacturer	84 Woburn St.
Alger, Charles I., Salesman	78 Woburn St.
Austin, Irving C., Wool	96 Prescott St.
Bailey, Horace A., Salesman	43 Salem St.
Bacon, Jordan H., Farmer	Forest St.
Becker, William H., Salesman	35 Grove St.
Berry, John M., Insurance	126 Salem St.
Benjamin, William H., Salesman	12 Berkeley St.
Birchall, Joseph C., Superintendent	17 Village St.
Bond, Thomas D., Electrical Engineer	40 Lowell St.
Barton, John H., Ticket Agent	18 Arlington St.

Brown, James C., Clerk	68 Pearl St.
Buckle, George H., Salesman	47 Bancroft Ave.
Burrage, Alvah L., Civil Engineer	65 Lowell St.
Carpenter, A. E. C., Salesman	233 Main St.
Carter, Frank C., Treasurer	55 Woburn St.
Cate, Frank C., Salesman	Ellis Ave.
Clark, Joseph R., Bookkeeper	27 Ash St.
Camp, Harry U., Insurance	28 Highland St.
Clark, Eugene W., Architect	36 Salem St.
Cooper, Carl C., Treasurer	107 Summer Ave.
Carleton, James P., Merchant	179 Summer Ave.
Cutcliff, James E., Printer	30 Locust St.
Dennison, William S., Manufacturer	Copeland Ave.
Dick, Charles A., Sales Manager	Dustin Road
Dillaway, Ernest N., Salesman	12 Perkins Ave.
Eames, Edward B., Buyer	193 Main St.
Ellison, Guy W., Tourist Agent	1a Lowell St.
Evans, Herbert G., Salesman	40 Howard St.
Farley, Raymond W., Clerk	Wilson St.
Fowle, Robert E., Salesman	167 Summer Ave.
Farnum, Fred E., Merchant	41 Hillcrest Road
Fogg, George A., Farmer	306 Summer Ave.
Gaw, Hamilton H., Clerk	73 Salem St.
Gay, Louis F., Bookkeeper	10 Union St.
Harnden, Edward E., Paymaster	195 Summer Ave.
Hartshorn, Benjamin M., Credit Man	15 Vine St.
Henderson, Herbert L., Merchant	87 Prospect St.
Herrick, Ralph C., Real Estate	11 Hopkins St.
Higgins, Miles C., Asst. Treasurer	8 Sanborn St.
Hodson, Robert H., Painter	9 Bancroft Ave.
Hubbard, J. Marshall, Broker	91 Prospect St.
Hutchinson, George M., Janitor	246 Summer Ave.
Johnson, H. Raymond, Treasurer	Woodward Ave.
Kerr, Elgin H., Salesman	37 Grove St.
Kenney, Edward O., Manufacturer	40 Berkeley St.
Kingman, Leland W., Insurance	5 Echo Ave.
Lane, Elliott W., Salesman	351 Main St.
Leach, William M., Electrician	4 Hopkins St.
Lewis, Herbert W., Salesman	14 Winter St.
Mansfield, Arthur N., Accountant	107 Woburn St.
McDavitt, John O., Clerk	114 Bancroft Ave.
McKay, Arthur T., Shipper	30 Orange St.
McKillop, John C., Farmer	54 Orange St.
Merrill, Frank M., Asst. Manager	4 Dudley St.
Mooney, Walter C., Manager	131 West St.
Moyer, Orlando C., Accountant	310 Summer Ave.
Nesmith, Arthur S., Accountant	24 Hanscom Ave.

Newell, Wendell B., Merchant	1 Washington St.
Ordway, Earle B., Salesman	3 Grand St.
Patterson, Edgar L., Auditor	41 Federal St.
Parker, Harrison B., Steel Hardener	12 Elliott St.
Parker, Stillman R., Clerk	164 Main St.
Perry, Rolland L., Farmer	Off Mill St.
Patten, Edward H., Pattern Maker	96 Bancroft Ave.
Riessle, Herman L., Foreman	51 Auburn St.
Richardson, Elmer H., Civil Engineer	85 Green St.
Reed, Winfield A., Special Agent	65 Middlesex Ave.
Roberts, Willard S., Retired	Hillcrest Road
Sawyer, John F., Manager	8 Arlington St.
Staples, Malcolm L., Carpenter	108 Haven St.
Smith, Ralph W., Salesman	Scotland Road
Snow, Carlton E., Secretary	147 Woburn St.
Squires, George S., Superintendent	159 Main St.
Stembridge, Stanley R., Merchant	82 Woburn St.
Stratton, Charles, Bank Teller	57 West St.
Temple, Raymond B., Designer	50 Hillcrest Road
Torre, Frank J., Merchant	193 Main St.
Turner, Wilbur F., Jr., Manager	5 Fairview Ave.
Wallace, Chester J., Civil Engineer	1 Lowell St.
Webster, John W., Bookkeeper	23 Lowell St.
Wales, William C., Salesman	15 Forest St.
Williams, Louis S., Salesman	114 Haven St.
Williams, Walter I., Accountant	25 Intervale Terrace
Wright, Albert J., Salesman	23 Locust St.
Wakefield, George, Farmer	474 Haverhill St.

Approved:

FREDERICK L. SPRINGFORD
ROBERT E. PARKER
CHARLES F. TREVOR
Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, Mass., July 1, 1925.

TOWN MEETINGS 1925

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn St., March 2, 1925.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a town meeting was held and was called to order by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton. It was voted to dispense with reading the warrant and the ballots were given to the Moderator.

Article 1. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Moderator; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years; Treasurer; Collector of Taxes; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Town Clerk; two members of the Board of Public Works for three years; Tree Warden; one member of the Board of Health for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, and one Trustee of the Public Library for one year; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years; two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years; two members of the Planning Board for three years; two Constables; also on the same ballot, "Yes" or "No", in answer to the following question:

Shall license be granted for the sale of certain Non-Intoxicating Beverages in this Town?

Moderator, One Year

Jesse W. Morton, 114 Woburn St.	1309
Blanks	121

Town Clerk, One Year

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft Ave.	1306
Blanks	124

Selectman, Three Years

Arthur P. French, 103 Woburn St.	610
Charles F. Trevor, 1 Middle St.	775
Blanks	45

Board of Welfare, Three Years

Arthur P. French, 103 Woburn St.	611
Charles F. Trevor, 1 Middle St.	762
Blanks	57

Assessor, Three Years

Mary Fife Daniel, 17 Harnden St.	528
J. Fred Richardson, 17 Prospect St.	850
Blanks	52

Board of Public Works, Three Years

William S. Kinsley, 23 Woburn St.	1094
John W. Owen, 155 Main St.	1128
Blanks	638

Treasurer, One Year

Wilfred A. Bancroft, 10 Echo Ave.	1253
Blanks	177

Tax Collector, One Year

Grace V. Viall, 42 Bancroft Ave.	1318
Blanks	112

Constables, One Year

Leon G. Bent, 215 Main St.	1225
John J. McKenney, 105 John St.	50
Blanks and scattering	1485

Board of Health, Three Years

Edward M. Halligan, 3 Salem St.	1201
Blanks	229

School Committee, Three Years

Malcolm C. Davis, 12 Federal St.	580
Josephine L. Fowler, 65 Temple St.	582
Rolland L. Perry, off Mill St.	499
Waldo Reed, 20 Ash St.	130
Albert R. Shepardson, 48 King St.	804
Blanks	265

Municipal Light Board, Three Years

Harry P. Baker, 70 Prescott St.	1237
Blanks	193

Tree Warden, One Year

Henry M. Donegan, 15 Federal St.	1259
Blanks	171

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery, Three Years

Frank L. Edgerley, 203 Main St.	1258
Willie E. Twombly, 35 Highland St.	1225
Blanks	377

Trustees Public Library, Three Years

Ralph S. Keneely, 86 Salem St.	1174
Horace G. Wadlin, 118 Woburn St.	1243
Blanks	443

Trustee Public Library, One Year

Ida C. Lucas, 435 Franklin St.	1209
Blanks	221

Planning Board, Three Years

W. Franklin Burnham, 35 Copeland Ave.	1075
Melville Fuller Weston, Prospect St.	1159
Blanks	626

Shall Licenses be granted for sale of certain Non-Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?

Yes	361
No	863
Blanks	206

The ballots were sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk, whereupon it was voted to adjourn to meet Monday evening, March 9th, 1925, at 7.45 o'clock.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn St., March 9, 1925.

Town meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Board of Assessors, Town Clerk, Board of Public Works, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Public Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery, Finance Committee, Planning Board and Special Committees.

Article 2. The Committee on Consolidation of Town Offices made the following report:

Reading, Mass., March 4, 1925.

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:—

The committee appointed by the Selectmen in pursuance to a vote passed at the last annual town meeting, to investigate the advisability of consolidating town offices and duties of same, beg to submit the following report:

Recommendation No. 1: Town should be governed by a Board of Selectmen, consisting of five members elected as follows:—one for one year, two for two years, two for three years and thereafter to be elected annually for three years, which would represent a consolidation of the following town offices: Selectmen, Board of Public Works, Playground Commission, Overseers of the Poor and Electric Light Board. The Board of Selectmen would appoint all town officers now appointed by any of the above Boards and would have charge of the Police, Fire and Moth Departments and Tree Warden.

Recommendation No. 2: Assessors to be appointed by Board of Selectmen, to consist of one principal Assessor with two assistants. The principal Assessor would be a person giving all his time to the office of Assessor and would be paid a salary that would attract and retain a competent person. The two assistants would be appointed for such time as might be necessary during the year and paid accordingly. The idea is to have one principal Assessor who would make a study of assessing property, and therefore become an expert in this line, and would retain his office while his services were satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen. The salary would be sufficient to attract a man of considerable ability and the board would be taken out of politics so that the Board of Assessors would not feel under any personal obligations to the voters.

Recommendation No. 3: Collection of all public funds will be made by one department, for instance—Treasurer. This department would collect all bills due the town and account for the same to the Town Accountant who would pass credit to the different departments on the books of the town which would be kept by the Town Accounting Dept.

Recommendation No. 4: Board of Selectmen should appoint one central purchasing agent for all departments of the Town. This purchasing agent would have charge of purchasing all supplies, and all purchases by the Purchasing Agent should be made on proper requisitions duly approved by the Board of Selectmen and Town Accountant. One copy of the requisition should be given to the Town Accountant, one copy retained by the Purchasing Agent and one copy given to the party from whom purchase was made.

It is understood that certain emergencies arise whereby requisitions might mean delay, and in such instances purchases not in excess of $100.00 may be made without requisitions above referred to.

Recommendation No. 5: Town Accountant to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years and to be responsible for clerical help of all departments, and also systems and methods to be used, and all clerical help to be under supervision and control of the Town Accountant. The Town Accountant should be a man of good ability and paid a salary sufficient to encourage his best efforts and retain his services permanently.

There are certain boards which your committee did not include under the Board of Selectmen, such as "School Dept." and "Cemetery Trustees,"

but it is understood that all purchases for these departments will be made by the General Purchasing Agent and will also be subject to the control and supervision of the Town Accountant as far as accounting is concerned.

The committee realizes that the recommendations above made are very important and represent quite a change in the Town Government, but we feel that the time has come when it is necessary to use simple, common-sense business methods in transacting the business of the town, especially in the accounting, purchasing and collecting of public funds, as we do not think any successful business corporation could use the methods now used; we also feel it is necessary to reduce the number of town departments in order to co-ordinate the different activities of the town so that the duties will be more clearly defined and general supervision given one responsible Board of Selectmen. The committee recommends that the Selectmen, through the Town Counsel, petition the Legislature for such legislation as will enable the town to adopt the above recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. DEVANEY
H. RAYMOND JOHNSON
PHILIP H. TIRRELL
CHARLES VAN STONE
WILLIAM S. KINSLEY
Committee on Consolidation of Town Offices.

Article 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers and determine what instructions be given town officers.

Article 3. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year: Ora L. Milbury, Edward B. Eames, Burton K. Symonds, William R. Zwicker, Warren M. Whitehouse, Rolland L. Perry; and the following as Measurers of Wood and Bark: Percy N. Sweetser, Burton K. Symonds, Thomas E. Brogan and Warren M. Whitehouse.

Article 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Charities, Soldiers' Benefits, Schools, Public Library, Recreation, Municipal Light Department, Water Department, Cemetery Department, Interest and Insurance.

Article 4. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted to raise and appropriate the following for General Government:

Moderator	$ 60.00
Selectmen's Expenses	300.00
Selectmen's Clerical Expenses	1,310.00
Accountant's Salary	1,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,000.00

Treasurer's Expenses	400.00
Collector's Salary	2,000.00
Collector's Expenses	700.00
Collector's Clerical	150.00
Assessors' Salaries	1,800.00
Assessors' Expenses	2,000.00
Assessors' Clerical	1,300.00
Block System Survey	250.00
Town Counsel, Salary and Expenses	600.00
Town Clerk's Salary	350.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	575.00
Board of Public Works' Salaries and Office Expenses	5,100.00
Registrars' Salaries	250.00
Election Expenses	500.00

On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted to raise and appropriate the following sums:

Miscellaneous Expenses	$ 3,000.00
Municipal Building Maintenance	3,000.00
Central Fire Station and Hose No. 2 House Maintenance	1,000.00
Lighting Victory House	200.00
Lighting G. A. R. Hall	25.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Interest	18,000.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Dept. and Signal System	6,300.00
Police Dept. Salaries	17,329.72
Police Dept. Special Officers	200.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance	5,000.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	14,509.59
Fire Dept. Call Men	2,444.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance and New Boxes	1,465.00
Moth Dept. Maintenance	6,200.00
Tree Warden Maintenance	1,500.00
Forest Warden Maintenance	500.00
Inspector of Buildings' Salary	300.00
Inspector of Wires' Salary	100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures' Salary	400.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures' Expenses	100.00

Health and Sanitation

On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted to raise and appropriate the following sums:

Board of Health Salaries	$ 250.00
Board of Health Expenses	600.00
Inspector of Plumbing's Salary	700.00

Inspector of Animals' Salary	200.00
Care of Contagious Diseases	2,000.00
Garbage Collection	1800.00

Charities and Aid, Board of Public Welfare

On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted to raise and appriate the following sums:

Visitor's Salary	$ 400 00
Clerical	352.00
Aid, Board and Care	8,000.00
Mothers' Aid	4,000.00
Temporary Aid	2,000.00

Soldiers' Benefits

On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted to raise and appriate the following sums:

State Aid	$ 500.00
Military Aid	200.00
Soldiers' Relief	3,000.00

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the Town raise and appriate for Hydrant Rentals $ 6,685.00
Drinking Fountains 100.00

and the above named sums, together with the Water Dept. receipts, estimated at $36,188.00, and the balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1925, $359.88, be appropriated for interest on water bonds, maintenance of Water Works and main and service pipes, and that $12,000.00 of the above-mentioned amount be paid by the Water Dept. to the Town Treasurer to be used in full payment of water bonds.

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the sum of sixty thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for construction, maintenance and repairs of highways, the purchase of materials, tools and appliances, and for the payment of any other incidental expenses pertaining thereto ($60,000.00).

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars for cleaning draining ditches ($3,000.00).

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars for the removal of snow and ice ($5,000.00).

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six hundred dollars for the care of Common, Parks and Supervised Play ($2,600.00).

On motion of William G. Long, it was voted that there be included in the tax levy for electricity used for street lights, the sum of eleven thousand dollars, and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings and for electricity supplied for municipal power and for sale of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the muni-

cipal lighting plant, the whole to be expended by the manager of municipal lighting under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and that if said sum and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board; and said Board is further authorized to transfer from the operation fund to the construction fund an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars, to be expended for new construction during 1925 ($11,000.00).

On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted that the following amounts be raised and appropriated for support of schools for the fiscal year:

General Salaries	$119,022.50
General Maintenance of Schools	39,750.00
Agricultural Maintenance	500.00
Agricultural Salaries	3,840.00
Industrial Tuition	800.00

On motion of Arthur N. Mansfield, it was voted that the following sums be raised and appropriated:

Public Library Maintenance	$2,750.00
Public Library Salaries	2,800.00

On motion of Galen A. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate eight thousand three hundred dollars for care of Laurel Hill Cemetery. ($8,300.00).

On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars, for the observance of Memorial Day, to be expended by G. A. R. Post 194, Reading, Mass. ($500.00).

On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that sixteen thousand one hundred twenty-one dollars and ninety-three cents ($16,121.93) be appropriated from Excess and Deficiency Account; one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty-nine cents ($1,897.59) be appropriated from Overlay Reserve Fund, and four thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars and forty-eight cents ($4,980.48) be raised in the tax levy and appropriated for the payment of bonds and notes maturing in 1925, and that the Town Accountant be authorized to make the necessary transfers for that purpose ($4,980.48).

Article 3. On motion of Galen A. Parker, it was voted to take this article from the table.

On motion of Galen A. Parker, it was voted that the Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery be and they hereby are authorized and directed to execute in the name and behalf of the Town of Reading a bond of indemnity for the issue of duplicate warrant or check with especial reference to interest check 8,237,636, Fourth Liberty Loan, drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, April 15, 1922, payable to the order of said

Trustees in the sum of $63.75—the bond to be so executed to be on the form 5120 as submitted by the Treasury Department.

Article 3. Voted to lay Article 3 on the table.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) for the Reserve Fund as provided by Sect. 6, Chap. 40, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Town Accountant.)

Article 5. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that the sum of three thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund as provided by Sec. 6, Chapter 40, General Laws ($3,000.00).

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1925, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year. (Town Treasurer.)

Article 6. On motion of Wilfred A. Bancroft, it was voted that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1925, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to renew or refund any notes issued in anticipation of revenue for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 17, Chap. 44, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Town Treasurer.)

Article 7. On motion of Wilfred A. Bancroft, it was voted that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to renew or refund any notes issued in anticipation of revenue for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars ($360.00) for the purpose of providing suitable quarters for Veteran Post 194, G. A. R., in accordance with Sec. 5, Chap. 40, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 8. On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars for the purpose of providing suitable quarters for Veteran Post 194, G. A. R., in accordance with Sec. 5, Chap. 40, General Laws ($360.00).

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection, and have been honorably dis-

charged from such service, as provided in Chap. 115, Sec. 22, of the General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 9. On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted that five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection and have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided in Sec. 22, Chapter 115, General Laws ($500.00.)

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the construction of a Police Station, so-called, providing facilities for the Police Department and a Town Lock-Up, and to see how much money it will raise and appropriate therefor, by borrowing or otherwise, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 10. On motion of Frederick L. Springford that the sum of forty-five thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of erecting, equipping, and furnishing a building to be used as a Police Station and Town Lockup; that four thousand dollars of said sum be raised and appropriated from the tax levy of the current year 1925; and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he hereby is, authorized to borrow for the above purposes the balance of said sum, to wit: forty-one thousand dollars, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, which shall be payable $5,000.00 in one year from the date of the first issue of said bonds or notes, and $4,000.00 each year thereafter, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten years from said date of issue; said bonds or notes to be issued under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and any acts in amendments thereof or in addition thereto.

Two hundred seven voted "Yea"; one hundred and thirty-four voted "Nay," a two-thirds vote being required to pass. Motion was not carried.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to supervise the construction of proposed Police Station, with full power to act in behalf of the Town, and with authority to make contracts and do every other necessary thing in the name of the Town in connection with the erection and completion of said Police Station, including facilities for the Police Department and for the Town Lock-Up, substantially as proposed in plans and specifications in the hands of the Selectmen, but with such modifications as the Selectmen may consider necessary in the progress of the work, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 11. Voted to pass over.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen hundred and thirty-eight ($1,338.00), for the installation of five traffic beacons, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 12. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted that thirteen hundred and thirty-eight dollars be raised and appropriated for the installation of five traffic beacons. ($1338.00.)

Article 13. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section 58, Chap. 48, General Laws; an act relative to the tenure of office of chiefs of fire departments in the metropolitan fire district.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 13. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted that the town accept the provisions of Section 58, Chapter 48, General Laws, an act relative to the tenure of office of chiefs of fire departments in the metropolitan fire district.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred and nineteen dollars and forty-two cents ($3,519.42), for the payment of bills of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for pauper support from June 20, 1918, to Nov. 30, 1924, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Public Welfare.)

Article 14. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted that three thousand five hundred and nineteen dollars and forty-two cents be raised and appropriated for the payment of bills of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for pauper support from June 20, 1918, to Nov. 30, 1924. ($3,519.42.)

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) for the construction of a storm water drain from the east side of John Street to the west side of Main Street, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Public Works.)

Article 15. On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of a storm water drain from the east side of John St. to the west side of Main St. ($15,000,00.)

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000.00) for the construction of a distributing water main on Libby Avenue, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Public Works.)

Article 16. On motion of John W. Owen, voted to lay on the table.

Article 3. On motion of John W. Owen, voted to take from table.

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the Board of Public Works, successors of the Water Commissioners, be and it or they hereby are, instructed to construct distributing water mains in Forest St. and Libby Ave., and to issue bonds in payment therefor, notwithstanding that a return of four per cent therefrom be not guaranteed as otherwise required by a vote of the town passed March 4, 1901, and provided that an issue of bonds therefor be authorized at this meeting.

Article 16. On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted to take this article from the table.

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the sum of six thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of a distributing water main six inches or more in diameter on Libby Ave.; and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he hereby is, authorized to borrow said sum for the above purpose, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, which shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and any acts in amend ment thereof or in addition thereto, and so that said bonds or notes shall be paid in not more than ten years from the date of the first issue of said bonds or notes. Two hundred ninety-five voted "Yes" and none "No." ($6,000.00.)

Article 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing, or otherwise, the sum of fourteen thousand dollars ($14,000.00) for the construction of a distributing water main on Forest Street, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Public Works.)

Article 17. On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted that the sum of fourteen thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of a distributing water main six inches or more in diameter on Forest St.; and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be, and he hereby is, authorized to borrow said sum for the above purpose, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor which shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and any acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, and so that said bonds or notes shall be paid in not more than ten years from the date of the first issue of said bonds or notes. ($14,000.00.)

Two hundred ninety-four voted "Yes" and none "Nay."

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way heretofore known as Bancroft Avenue Extension, such highway being laid out in accordance with plans duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the town will accept the public highway laid out by the Board of Public Works and heretofore known as Bancroft Avenue Extension, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Public Works.)

Article 18. Report of the Board of Public Works on laying out of Bancroft Ave. Extension:

"We, the subscribers, Board of Public Works of Reading, after giving due notice to all parties interested, have laid out for the town as a public town way, described as follows:

"Bancroft Ave. Extension, being an extension of the present town way known as Bancroft Ave., and running northerly from the present northerly terminus of said Avenue.

"The westerly line of said Bancroft Ave. Extension commences at a point on the westerly side line of said Bancroft Ave., said point being

N. 1-45-00 E., a distance of 744.60 ft. from a stone bound on the said westerly side line of the said Bancroft Ave. and at the northerly end of a point of curve connecting with Lowell St.

"From thence the said westerly line is extended northerly in a straight line and upon the same bearing, a distance of 29.83 to a curve.

"Thence with a curve to the left with a radius of 377.42 feet, a distance of 220.42 feet, to a point of reverse curve situated a short distance northerly from the southerly line of a private way known as Weston Road.

"Thence with a curve to the right with a radius of 768.62 feet to a point of tangent with the westerly side line of Bancroft Ave. Extension as laid out on a plan of 'lots belonging to Edwin C. Hanscom, Jan., 1915, Clarence E. Carter, Civil Engineer, and revised by Dana F. Perkins, under date of February, 1921.'

"Then N. 17-00-50 W., a distance of 344.68 feet, to the southerly side line of a private way known as Tower Road and at the end of this layout.

"The easterly line of said Bancroft Avenue Extension comemnce at a point at the present northerly terminus of the easterly line of a town way known as Highland Street, said point being 13.68 feet southerly from the westerly line's point of commencement and 50.00 feet at a right angle therefrom.

"Thence the said easterly line runs with a curve to the left with a radius of 512.66 feet, a distance of 290.94 feet, to a point of reverse curve, said point being N. 58-17-10 E., a distance of 40.00 ft. from the above described points of reverse curve of the westerly line and situated in a private way known as Weston Road.

"Thence the easterly line runs parallel with and 40.00 feet easterly from the above described westerly line, with a radius of 728.62 feet, a distance of 186.94 feet to a point of tangent.

"Thence N. 17-00-50 W., a distance of 344.68 feet to the southerly side line of a private way known as Tower Road and at the end of this layout. The above described lines are more fully shown on a plan labelled 'Extension of Bancroft Ave.,' made by Davis & Abbott, Civil Engineers, Reading, Mass., under date of September, 1924, said plan being a part of this description.

"We recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the town that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named 'Bancroft Ave.' ".

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted to accept said report of the layout of an extension to Bancroft Ave. and adopt the recommendations.

Article 19. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of additional street lights on the public streets during 1925. (Municipal Light Board.)

Article 19. On motion of William G. Long, it was voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Municipal Light Board, with

authority to install such lights as in their judgment are necessary and to make such changes in existing lights as may be advisable, the cost to be paid from the Depreciation Fund.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Light Board to extend and enlarge the municipal light plant in order to provide additional capacity; or to construct a transmission line with duplicate cables and with the necessary transformers, switches, and other apparatus, and to purchase electricity in bulk; and will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, the necessary funds to carry out the provisions of any vote under this article, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board.

Article 20. On motion of William G. Long, it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized to contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston for the purchase of electricity in bulk, said electricity to be furnished and delivered during a period of ten years, and to enlarge and extend the present plant by the construction of an underground transmission line from the Stoneham-Reading town line to our power station on Ash St., including transformers, switches, regulators and all other necessary apparatus; and that there be raised and appropriated for the above enlargement and extension the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amount which may be available in the depreciation fund, to be expended by the Municipal Light Board; and that the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the town, such bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws with amendments thereof and additions thereto, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the first bond or note issued. Two hundred forty-eight voted "Yes," and eight "No."

Article 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of seven thousand, six hundred dollars ($7,600.00) for the purchase of the Channell property, No. 10 School Street, adjoining the Highland School lot, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(School Committee.)

Article 21. On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted that seven thousand six hundred dollars ($7,600.00) be raised and appropriated for the purchase, for school purposes, of the Channell property, No. 10 School St., adjoining the Highland School lot.

Article 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) for the purpose of developing Forest Glen Cemetery, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Cemetery Trustees.)

Article 22. On motion of Galen A. Parker, it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars for the development of Forest Glen Cemetery, said money to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees. ($10,000.00.)

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Elizabeth H. Brown and others.)

Article 23. On motion of Elizabeth H. Brown, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health. ($300.00.)

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200.00) and the Selectmen appoint a director, the money to be expended by and the director to serve in co-operation with the County Agricultural Trustees of the Middlesex County Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45, Chap. 128, General Laws. (Rolland L. Perry.)

Article 24. On motion of Rolland L. Perry, it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars and the Selectmen appoint a director, the money to be expended by, and the director to serve in co-operation with the Middlesex County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture in the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service, under the provisions of Sec. 40 to 45, Chap. 128, General Laws of Massachusetts. ($200.00.)

Article 25. To see of the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars ($300.00) provided the abutters appropriate a like amount, for the installation of tar concrete sidewalk and curbing on the westerly side of Summer Avenue near the corner of Woburn Street, in accordance with sketch B submitted by the Superintendent of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Percy N. Sweetser and others.)

Article 25. On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted that the Town construct a sidewalk of tar concrete and a curbing on the westerly side of Summer Avenue, from the junction of Woburn Street, running north approximately one hundred ninety feet, provided the abutters pay one-half. The cost of said construction to be taken from the regular appropriations for highways.

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) to be expended by the Planning Board in investigating the possibilities and needs of the town with respect to the dividing of the town into districts or zones and the regulation of the construction and use of buildings in such districts or zones in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 25, Chap. 40, of the General Laws, and with respect to plans for the development of the town property to be considered in connection therewith, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Planning Board.)

Article 26. On motion of Willard P. Adden, it was voted that one thousand dollars be raised and appropriated, to be expended by the Plan-

ning Board in investigating the possibilities and needs of the town, with respect to the dividing of the town into districts or zones, and the regulation of the construction and use of buildings in such districts or zones, in accordance with the provisions of Section 25, Chapter 40, General Laws, and with respect to plans for the development of town property to be considered in connection therewith.

Article 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum for the installation of a fire-alarm box in Forest Street, between Main and Grove Streets, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(M. J. Burns and others.)

Article 27. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted to refer this article to the Selectmen.

Article 28. To see what action the Town will take in regard to its rights, if any, under the will of Gilman L. Parker, in property derived or held by him under the will of his sister, Annie B. Parker.

(James W. Grimes and others.)

Article 28. On motion of James W. Grimes, it was voted that the Town authorize its Town Counsel to sign a decree, releasing the gift derived by Gilman L. Parker under the will of Annie B. Parker, to the children of Elmore Parker.

Article 3. Voted to take Article 3 from the table.

Article 3. On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted to accept reports of Town Officers as printed and also report of Finance Committee.

The whole number of voters reported checked at the town meeting was four hundred seventy (470).

Article 2. Voted to take this article from the table.

Article 2. On motion of Otis B. Ruggles, it was voted that the subject matter of Consolidation of Town Offices be referred back to said committee and that there be added to said committee, Chairman of Board of Selectmen, Chairman Board of Public Works, Chairman Board of Assessors and Chairman of Finance Committee to report at a future town meeting.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

REFERENDUM TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn St., March 31, 1925.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a town meeting was held at place and time mentioned therein and was called to order by Robert E. Parker, Selectman. The warrant was read and the Constable's return. The ballots were duly delivered to the Select-

men and the ballot boxes duly examined and declared empty and the keys delivered to the Constable in charge.

Then the polls were declared open and at nine o'clock P. M. were duly closed with the following result:

The ballots counted by the Tellers were 967; the check lists counted by the checkers were 967; "No", 529; "Yes", 436; blanks 2.

The ballots were counted and declared in open town meeting and sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, May 5, 1925.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return, a town meeting was held at the time and place specified therein and was called to order by Moderator Jesse W. Morton. The warrant was partly read, when upon motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return. This being done, the town meeting was duly opened.

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given the town officers.

Article 1. Voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Light Board to extend and enlarge the municipal light plant in order to provide additional capacity, or to construct a transmission line with duplicate cables and with the necessary transformers, switches, and other apparatus, and to purchase electricity in bulk; and will raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide the necessary funds to carry out the provisions of any vote under this article, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Municipal Light Board.)

Article 2. The motion presented by William G. Long, to purchase electricity in bulk from the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston and that notes or bonds be issued to pay for same, required a two-thirds vote.

Two hundred seventy-four voted "Yes", one hundred sixty-six voted "No," and it was declared not a vote.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way heretofore known as Ellis Avenue, such highway being laid out in accordance with plans duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the statutory requirements; and to see if the Town will accept the public highway laid out by the Board of Public Works, and heretofore known as Ellis Avenue, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Public Works.)

Article 3. Report of the Board of Public Works on laying out of Ellis Avenue.

"We, the subscribers, Board of Public Works of Reading, after giving due notice to all parties interested, have laid out for the town as a public town way described as follows:

"Ellis Avenue, being a certain street in the Town of Reading, running westerly from a town way, known as Summer Avenue, to another town way, known as Hillcrest Road, and being bounded and described as follows:

"The southerly line of said Ellis Avenue starts at a point marked with an iron rod on the westerly side line of said Summer Avenue and at land of Irving L. Jewett, said point being N. 34-54 W., a distance of 317.24 ft. from a stone bound situated on the said westerly side line of Summer Ave. and at a point of curve with the northerly line of Oak St. From thence, and turning at right angles, the said southerly line runs S. 55-06 W. a distance of 159.93 ft. by land of said Irving L. Jewett and Byron W. Whitney to an iron pipe bound marking an angle in said Ellis Avenue.

"Thence south 80.00 W., a distance or 256.07 ft. by land of said Whitney, land of Hazel W. Sawyer and land of Joseph R. Byram, to a stake on the easterly side line of said Hillcrest Road and at the end of this layout, said stake being N. 13-35-30 W., a distance of 325.65 ft. measured along the said easterly line of Hillcrest Road, from a spike at the north-easterly corner of said Hillcrest Road and Oak St.

"The northerly line of said Ellis Ave. is parallel with and forty-five feet distant from the above described southerly line and runs by land of Grace A. Dill for its first described course and by the remainder of said Dill's land and land of Fanny A. Hasty and land of Emily J. Hunt for its second described course.

"The above described lines being more fully shown on a 'Plan and Profile of Ellis Ave.' made by Davis & Abbott, Civil Engineers, Reading, Mass., under date of March, 1925, said plan being a part of this description.

"No damages being claimed, we have awarded none, and we recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named 'Ellis Ave.'"

On motion of John W. Owen, it was voted to accept and adopt the recommendation of the Board of Public Works as to the laying out of the above-named street, "Ellis Ave."

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the dwelling house on the Channell property, so called, on School Street, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen).

Article 4. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and instructed to sell the dwelling house on the Channell property, so-called, on School St., upon such terms and conditions as to them shall seem expedient.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00), for the maintenance of "Victory House,"

headquarters of Reading Post No. 62, American Legion, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Frank D. Tanner and others.)

Article 5. On motion of Frank D. Tanner, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the maintenance of Victory House, Headquarters of Reading Post No. 62, American Legion. ($500.00.)

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the construction of an addition to the Highland School Building and will raise and appropriate therefor, by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of two hundred and seventy-five thousand ($275,000.00), or what it will do in relation thereto.
(School Committee.)

Article 6. It was voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to supervise the construction of the proposed addition to the Highland School Building, with full power to act in behalf of the town, and with authority to make contracts and do every other necessary thing in the name of the town in connection with said construction, or what it will do in relation thereto. (School Committee.)

Article 7. It was voted to indefinitely postpone.

Voted to adjourn, sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn St., June 8, 1925.

Pursuant to the warrant and Constable's return thereon, a town meeting was held at the place and time mentioned and was called to order by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton. The warrant was partially read, when it was moved by Frederick L. Springford that further reading be dispensed with except the Constable's return, which was voted, and the Constable's return was duly read.

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of town officers and special committees, and determine what instructions will be given the town officers and special committees.

Article 1. On motion of Charles P. Howard, it was voted that the committee appointed to investigate the advisability of consolidating town offices be and hereby is instructed to report at a special town meeting to be held not later than November 20, 1925.

Article 1. Voted to lay on the table.

Article 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred ($500.00) for election expenses, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 2. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) be raised and appropriated for election purposes. ($500.00.)

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum to pay premiums for additional insurance on municipal property, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Insurance Committee.)

Article 3. On motion of Wilfred A. Bancroft, it was voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for insurance of town property. ($500.00.)

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to acquire by purchase or by right of eminent domain, for educational purposes, certain parcels of land owned by Solomon Davis, Ruth A. Lumsden and Charles P. Howard, respectively, said land being situated on the easterly side of Summer Avenue, between King and Temple Streets, and to see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate therefor, by borrowing or otherwise, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee.

Article 6. On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted to take this article up.

On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and it hereby is authorized to acquire, for educational purposes by purchase or by right of eminent domain, or by both, either in whole or in part, certain parcels of land owned by Solomon Davis, Ruth A. Lumsden and Charles P. Howard, respectively, said land being situated on the easterly side of Summer Aven., between King and Temple Sts., and that the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) be raised and appropriated therefor.

Two hundred six voted "Yes", seventy voted "No".

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to make a survey of the land referred to in Article 6, and to report at a later town meeting the estimated cost of the construction of a suitable building for a Junior High School, and to see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for said survey and estimates, or what it will do in relation thereto. (School Committee.)

Article 7. On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted that the School Committee be and it hereby is authorized to cause a survey to be made of the land referred to in Article 6 and to report at a later town meeting the estimated cost of the construction of a suitable building for a Junior High School, and that the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) be raised and appropriated for said survey and estimate.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to continue the generation of electricity at the power station and will authorize the Municipal Light Board to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the installation of a 1000 K. W. turbo generator, condenser, boilers, chimney, water cooling system, regulators, and all other necessary apparatus, and will raise and

appropriate therefor, by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of one hundred and thirty-five thousand ($135,000.00), or what it will do in relation thereto. (Municipal Light Board.)

Article 5. It was moved by Herbert G. Evans, that the town continue the generation of electricity at the power station and that the Municipal Light Board be and it hereby is authorized and directed to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the purchase and installation at the power station of a 1000 K. W. turbo generator, condenser, boilers, chimney, water cooling system, regulators and all other necessary apparatus; and that there be raised and appropriated for the above enlargement and extension the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars, in addition to the amount which may be available in the depreciation fund to be expended by the Municipal Light Board; and that the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the town, such bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws with amendments thereof and additions thereto, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the first bond or note issued.

Two hundred eighty-six voted "Yes", one hundred fifty-one voted "No", and as it required a two-thirds vote in favor to carry, it was declared not a vote.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Light Board to execute a contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for the purchase of electricity in bulk, for a period of ten years, and to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the construction of an underground transmission line from the Stoneham-Reading town line on Main Street to the power station on Ash Street, including switches, lightning arresters, transformers, regulators and all other necessary apparatus to be installed on the said transmission line and within the said station, and will raise and appropriate therefor, by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00), or what it will do in relation thereto. (Municipal Light Board.)

Article 4. It was voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 1. Voted to take up this article.

On motion of Albert R. Shepardson, it was voted that a committee consisting of the Municipal Light Board, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and Mr. Henry R. Johnson of the so-called Citizens' Committee, be appointed to employ another engineer to examine and report upon all statistics and other information now before the town, such recommendation as such engineer may make to be reported to the town by this committee.

One hundred seventy-five voted "Yes", one hundred twenty-six voted "No".

Voted to adjourn sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Security Hall, Woburn St., June 16, 1925.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a Primary was held at time and place specified and was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Frederick L. Springford. The warrant was read, the ballot boxes examined and found empty and the keys delivered to the Constable, John J. McKenney, and the following Election Officers were duly sworn in:

Mary L. Baker, Ernest A. Clapp, Frank M. Stevens, Marion H. Cook, Jessie N. Thaxter, Forrest T. Staples, Katherine E. Murray, Helen J. Middleton, James A. Waters, John T. Wall, Jr., to serve as Ballot Clerks; and Charles E. Mellen, Richard N. B. Wilson, Christine F. Atkinson and Philomena Doucette to serve as tellers. The ballots were delivered to the presiding officer—1100 Democratic ballots and 3331 Republican ballots—and the polls were duly opened and closed with the following result:

Republican Ballot

George H. Brown, 136 Central St., Lowell	6
James W. Grimes, 141 Woburn St., Reading	920
Edith Nourse Rogers, 444 Andover St., Lowell	464
Blanks	9

Democratic Ballot

Eugene N. Foss, 11 Revere St., Boston	28
Blanks	5

The ballots were counted and declared in open town meeting and were sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk, when it was voted to adjourn.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL ELECTION, 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Security Hall, Woburn Street, June 30, 1925.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a special election was held and was called to order by a member of the Board of Selectmen, Charles F. Trevor. The warrant was read, the ballot boxes examined and found empty and registering 0000. The ballots were delivered to the Election Officers, and the following Ballot Clerks and Election Officers were duly sworn by the Town Clerk:

Mary L. Baker, Jessie N. Thaxter, Katherine E. Murray, Helen J. Middleton, Marion H. Cook, Marion P. Allen, Charles E. Mellen, Richard N. B. Wilson, Ernest A. Clapp, John T. Wall, Jr., Frank M. Stevens, James A. Waters, Forrest T. Staples, Charles C. Johnson, Christine F. Atkinson, Philomena Doucette, Constable John J. McKenney, Constable Leon G. Bent.

The polls were duly declared open and closed at time specified in warrant with the following result: Whole number of votes cast 1270, which agreed with the check list.

The votes were counted and declared as follows:

Congressman, 5th District

Eugene N. Foss of Boston	99
Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell	1165
James W. Grimes of Reading	1
J. Will Austin of Reading	1
Blanks	4

The votes were counted and declared in open town meeting and were sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk, and it was then voted to adjourn sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn, Sept. 21, 1925.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return, a town meeting was held at time and place mentioned therein and was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, in the absence of the Moderator. The warrant was partially read, when it was moved and voted to dispense with further reading of warrant except the Constable's return. After reading the Constable's return, the town meeting proceeded to elect a Moderator, using the check list. The ballot was duly opened and closed with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast, nine; necessary for a choice, five; Charles P. Howard, eight, G. L. Flint, one.

Charles P. Howard was declared elected Moderator.

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of town officers and special committees, and determine what instructions will be given the town officers and special committees.

Article 1. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate from the fund of $20,000 raised and appropriated at a special meeting held June 8, 1925, relative to the taking or purchase of land for school purposes, or will appropriate from other available funds, a sum not to exceed $2,500.00 for the purpose of paying fees and expenses of special counsel retained by the Law Committee to assist in carrying out the provisions of said vote of June 8, 1925, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 4. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted that from the fund of $20,000.00 raised and appropriated at a special meeting, June 8, 1925, relative to the taking or purchase of land for school purposes, there be appropriated the sum of $2,500.00 for the payment of fees and expenses of special counsel retained by the law committee to assist in carrying out the provisions of said vote of June 8, 1925.

Article 5. To see whether the Town will accept the legacy of $5,000.00 given by Clause 22 of the will of the late Gilman L. Parker in trust, for the establishment of a fund to be known as the "Reading High School Scholarship Fund," the income thereof to be used as provided in said clause of said will, and authorize the Town Treasurer to receipt therefor, and what provision the Town will make for holding the said trust fund, or what it will do in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 5. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted that the town accept the legacy of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) under Clause 22 of the will of the late Gilman L. Parker in trust, to be known as the "Reading High School Scholarship Fund," and that the income derived from the said bequest be used and expended under the direction and discretion of the School Committee in assisting worthy graduates of the High School of limited means in obtaining a higher education, as provided in said Clause 22 of said will, and further that the Town Treasurer be authorized to receipt for the said sum and to act as custodian thereof in accordance with the law.

Article 6. To see whether the Town will accept the legacy of the rest and residue of the estate of the late Gilman L. Parker given by Clause 23 of his will in trust, for the establishment of a hospital in the Town of Reading, and pending the establishment of said hospital upon terms further set forth in said clause of said will, and authorize the Town Treasurer to receipt therefor, and what provision the town will make for holding the said trust fund, or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen.)

Article 6. On motion of Frederick L. Springford, it was voted that the Town accept the legacy of the rest and residue of the estate of the late Gilman L. Parker under Clause 23 of his will in trust to aid in establishing a hospital in the Town of Reading; said trust to be continued till the principal and its accumulated income may warrant the establishment of a hospital, except that in the meantime any part of the income may be available and be drawn upon for the defraying of medical hospital service elsewhere for needy citizens of the town, until the proposed hospital may be established, such expenditure to be discretionary and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen who shall act as trustees under the said Clause 23, in accordance with law, and further that the Town Treasurer be authorized to receipt for the said legacy and to act as custodian thereof in accordance with the law.

Article 6. On motion of Theodore P. Berle, it was voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of five to draw up suitable resolutions of appreciation of the gift of Gilman L. Parker to the Town of Reading.

Article 1. On motion of William G. Long, it was voted to take this article from the table.

Article 1. On motion of William G. Long, it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized to transfer from the Operation Fund to the Construction Fund, the sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) to be used for construction purposes.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Light Board to execute a contract for the purchase of electricity in bulk for a period of ten years, and to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the construction of a transmission line to the power station on Ash St., including switches, lightning arresters, transformers, regulators and all other necessary apparatus to be installed on the said transmission line and within the said power station, and will raise and appropriate therefore by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00), or what it will do in relation thereto.

(Municipal Light Board.)

Article 2. It was moved by William G. Long that the Municipal Light Board be and they hereby are authorized and directed to execute, in behalf of the town, a contract for the purchase of electricity in bulk for a period of ten years, and that said Board be authorized to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the construction of a transmission line to the power station on Ash St., including switches, lightning arresters, transformers, regulators and all other necessary apparatus to be installed on the said transmission line and within the said station; and that there be raised and appropriated for the above enlargement and extension the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amount which may be available in the depreciation fund to be expended by the Municipal Light Board; and that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the town, such bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws with amendments thereof and additions thereto, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the first note or bond issued.

This vote was taken by a "Yes" and "No" ballot. Necessary for a choice, 343; whole number of votes case, 515; "Yes," 254; "No", 261; and it was declared not a vote.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Light Board to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the installation of a 1000 K. W. turbo generator, condenser, boilers, chimney, water cooling system, regulators and all other necessary apparatus, and will raise and appropriate therefor by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of one hundred thirty thousand dollars ($130,000.00), or what it will do in relation thereto. (Municipal Light Board.)

Article 3. On motion of William G. Long, that the Town continue the generation of electricity at the power station and that the Municipal

Light Board be and it is hereby authorized and directed to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the purchase and installation at the power station of a 1000 K. W. turbo generator, condenser, boilers, chimney, water cooling system, regulators and all other necessary apparatus; and that there be raised and appropriated for the above enlargement and extension the sum of $130,000.00, in addition to the amount which may be available in the depreciation fund, to be expended by the Municipal Light Board; and that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the town, such bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws with amendments thereof and additions thereto, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the first bond or note issued.

This vote was taken by a counted rising vote. Whole number of votes cast, 405; necessary for a choice, 270; "Yes", 241; "No", 164; and it was declared not a vote.

Article 3. Voted to lay Article 3 on the table.

Article 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn St., Oct. 26, 1925.

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a town meeting was held at time and place specified therein. Town meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Jesse W. Morton. The warrant was partially read when it was voted to dispense with further reading except the Constable's return. After reading the Constable's return, it was duly declared open.

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given town officers and special committees.

Article 1. On motion of Theodore P. Berle, it was voted that the Selectmen be instructed to forward a resolution of sympathy to the Mayor of Woburn in their great loss by tornado, and that an offer of assistance be made to them.

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the installation of a 1000 K. W. turbo-generator, condenser, boilers, stack, water cooling system, regulators, and all other necessary apparatus, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 2. William G. Long offered the following motion:—That the Municipal Light Board be and it hereby is authorized and directed to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the purchase and installation of a 1000 K. W. turbo-generator, condenser, boilers, stack, water cooling system, regulators and all other necessary apparatus, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 2. William G. Long offered the following motion: That the Municipal Light Board be and it hereby is authorized and directed to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the purchase and installation at the power station of a 1000 K. W. turbo-generator, condenser, boilers, stack, water cooling system, regulators and all other necessary apparatus.

This motion was not carried.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, it will do in relation thereto.

Article 3. Voted to pass over.

Article 4. On motion of William G. Long, as amended by Theodore P. Berle, it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be, and they hereby are, authorized to contract in behalf of the town by and with the Eastern Massachusetts Electric Co. for the purchase of electricity in bulk for a period not exceeding ten years, upon such terms and conditions as in the opinion of the said Board will be for the best interests of the town.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to execute a contract for the purchase of electricity in bulk for a period of ten years, and to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the construction of a transmission line to the power station on Ash Street, including switches, lightning arresters, transformers, regulators and all other necessary apparatus, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) for the extension and enlargement of the Municipal Light Plant as set forth in Article 4 of this warrant, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 5. Voted to pass over.

Article 6. On motion of Walter S. Parker, it was voted to rescind vote taken at the special town meeting, May 5th, 1925, relative to the sale of the dwelling house on the Channell property, so-called, on School St., and that said property be put in hands of School Committee for school purposes.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken at the special town meeting, May 5, 1925, relative to the sale of the dwelling house on the Channell property, so called, on School Street, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see what instructions the Town will give the Municipal Light Board in regard to remedying the spraying of the property, house and grounds of Matthew Devaney at No. 59 Ash Street.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. To see if the Town will release the condition contained in the vote passed at the town meeting held March 12, 1922, and embodied in the deed granted by the Town of Reading to the Reading Antiquarian Society dated September 5, 1924, so far as the same provides for a reversion of the land and building to the Town.

Article 8. On motion of Charles F. Brown, it was voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 1. On motion of Louis Ellenwood, it was voted to take this article from the table.

It was voted to adjourn sine dine.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

Your Attention is Called to the Sections Below Taken from the Revised Laws—Blank Forms for Return of Births Can be Obtained of the Town Clerk

SECTION 3, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

Sec. 3. Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the month next preceding, at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name of the child, if it has any, the sex and color of the child, the name, place of birth and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate the name of the father shall not be stated, unless at the joint request in writing of both father and mother, which request shall be filed with the returns of births. The fee of the physicians or midwives shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported, and shall be paid by the city or town in which the report is made, upon presentation of a certificate from the city or town clerk, stating that said births have been reported in conformity with the requirements of this section. Any physician or midwife neglecting to report such list for ten days after it is due shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

Sec. 6. Parents and householders shall within forty (40) days after the date of a birth occurring in his house give thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1925

June 1, 1925:	
Number Males licensed, 356	$712.00
No Females licensed, 77	385.00
Total receipts	$1097.00
433 licenses @ 20c., Clerk's fee	86.60
Paid County Treasurer	$1010.40
Dec. 1, 1925:	
Number Males licensed, 98	$196.00
Number Females licensed, 32	160.00
One Breeder's license	50.00
Total receipts	$406.00
131 license fees @ 20c	26.20
Paid County Treasurer	$379.80
Total paid County Treasurer	$1390.20

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES IN 1925

80	Combination licenses @ $2.00	$160.00
117	Fishing licenses @ $1.00	117.00
110	Hunting and Trapping licenses @ $1.50	165.00
1	Non-Resident Hunting license @ $2.00	2.00
1	Non-Resident Fishing license @ $2.00	2.00
2	Alien Fishing licenses @ $2.00	4.00
63	Boys' Trapping licenses @ 25c.	15.75
	Total received	$465.75
374	License fees @ 25c.	93.50
	Balance due Fish and Game Division	$372.25

Paid Division Fisheries and Game:

Feb. 10	$78.25
Mar. 10	19.50
Apr, 7	8.50
May 6	30.00
June 2	21.75
July 7	21.75
Aug. 4	24.00
Sept. 8	22.00
Oct. 9	34.00
Nov. 3	91.25
Dec. 9	12.50
Jan. 6	8.75
Total paid Division Fish and Game	$372.25

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1925

Date	Name	Parents
Jan.		
1	John Neil Bennett	Austin F. and Mary K.
5	Doris Madeleine Melanson	Simon and Dauphne M.
10	Donald Coleman McMaster	Henry and Doris M.
11	Viola Anne Arsenault	Joseph and Mary M.
12	Evelyn Louise Greenleaf	Emmett F. and Mabel S.
14	Edith Joyce Pollitz	Otto F. F. and Merle R.
16	Richard Louis Doucette	Jeremiah and Florence D.
19	Shirley June Stone	Ward E. and Linda S.
22	Agnes Jean Campbell	William H. and Mary G.
22	Agnes Cecilia Meuse	Peter J. and Mary A.
23	Nancy White	Harold and Helen W.
27	Richard Brendon Surette	Leo A. and Alethea A.
Feb.		
1	John Joseph Carney, Jr.	John J. and Christina D.
9	Eloise Blanche Nichols	Elmer B. and Rena F.
10	Mary Mildred LeBlanc	Louis and Lena M.
11	Constance Virginia Baxter	William G. and Beatrice B.
11	Kathalen O'Brien	Frank S. and Delia R.
11	Katherine Wright	Albert J. and Catherine B.
19	Elsie Lillian Linquist	Alfred and Lillie O.
20	Lawrence Anderson Taylor	Charles A. and Anna A.
21	Walter Russell Stark	Harry E. and Margarite D.
22	William Everett Adams	Earl W. and Marion P.
22	Alice Lincoln Robinson	Clark S. and Florence C.
22	James Chapman Robinson	Clark S. and Florence C.
Mar.		
2	Clinton Raymond Russell Whitney	Everett W. and Gladys D.
3		
8	Richard Blaine Webster	Leigh H. and Alice L.
10	James Robertson	Herbert L. and Annie E.
12	Geneva Evelyn Cail	James B. and Lillian M.
12	Mary Frances Dulong	James A. and Mary T.
20	Gerald Willard Humphrey	George A. and Fleda B.
20	John Russell LeFave	George and Mary D.
26	Herbert Willis MacLeod, Jr.	Herbert W. and Lucy B.
29	Virginia Bell Ward	William D. and Lillian D.
April		
1	Alice Roach	George A. and Sadie M.
4	Richard Gordon Miller	Charles E. and Lillian H.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1925

Date	Name	Parents
5	Erwin Russell Colson	Dana L. and Mabel T.
7	Ida May Hardy	Harold M. and Elvira M.
22	Charles Albert Carroll	Charles E. and Annie S.
22		
25	Carl Peter Matson	Eric P. and Judith A.
27	Elaine Fitzpatrick	Philip W. and Elizabeth H.
28	Charlotte Ann Doucette	Robert E. and Mary L.
30	Lucille Higgins Gonnam	Harold E. and Elizabeth H.
30	Joseph Tine	Joseph and Nancy C.
May		
1	Harriette Upson Camp	Harry U. and Adra P.
3	Edward Joseph Arsenault	J. Felix and Mary B.
4	George Howard Boyce	Joseph R. and Lillian G.
5	Evelyn Florence Hatch	Elmer E. and Evelyn H.
5	Frank Crawford Reed	George G. and Nellie G.
7	David Richard Arsenault	John and Matilda D.
9	Howard Everett Anderson, Jr.	Howard E. and Hazel C.
9	Genevieve Dorothy Beauchamp	Roland and Nellie S.
10	Phyllis Dorothy Allen	Francis S. and Abbie F.
10	Harry Edward White, Jr.	Harry E. and Nellie H.
11	Anne Mary Schaeffer	Francis W. and Mary G.
17	Wilfred Perry	Jesse and Lena D.
18	Paul Joseph Geary	Paul J. and Katherine S.
18	Leslie Leroy Hadley	Leslie C. and Annie D.
19	John James Marchetti	James and Mary B.
21	Joyce Elliot Kennard	Dimond and Bertha U.
24	Robert Mathews Merrill	Frank M. and Marie M.
26	Harold Edward Holmes	Henry J. and Martha W.
28	John Wilfred Day	John W. and Florence W.
June		
1	Nancy Elizabeth Holcomb	Charles A. and Edith W.
3	June Anstey Walker	George W. and Winifred A.
4	Howard Tuckerman Collins	Harry B. and Nellie W.
5	Marcia Wentworth	Grafton E. and Marion F.
6	Roger Frederic Batchelder	Harold W. and Rena H.
7	June Frances Doran	Daniel F. and Mary M.
8	Barbara Jean Heselton	Carl D. and Mary J.
8	Mary Elizabeth Mahoney	John E. and Frances M.
8	Catherine Elaine White	Adolph J. and Laura D.
11	Lawrence Leo Doucette	Eli J. and Mary M.
12	Herbert Mansfield	Herbert F. and Myrtle S.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1925

Date	Name	Parents
16	Laura Elizabeth Ham	Loring W. and Laura D.
17	Robert Garfield Gray, Jr.	Robert G. and Bertha L.
21	Gwendolyn Leah Brown	Daniel and Mildred S.
27	Joseph Edward Theriault	Nelson and Lillian B.
29	——— Bourque	Frank and Charlotte S.
29	Gweneth Alva Stone	Walter H. and Charlotte M.
30	Louise Faxon Boyd	Robert F. and Dorothy P.
30	June Theresa Freeman	Thomas T. and Emma F.
30	Jean Elizabeth Wakeling	Charles R. and Vera W.
July		
2		
3	Bernard Joseph Amirault	Joseph and Janet M.
4	Arthur Weldon Seaver	Ora L. and Greta M.
12	Dorothy Maria Gallagher	Frederick C. and Stella L.
12	Joseph Edward White	Joshua H. and Sadie A.
14	Helen Winifred Dahlquist	Ernest G. and Helga H.
19	John Joseph Griffin, Jr.	John J. and Margaret D.
24	Clarence Thomas Burbine	Peter and Rose G.
24	Ruth Constance Sherrod	James G. and Thelma C.
29	Verne Haven Philbrook, Jr.	Verne H. and Viola S.
31	Charles Harris Lench, Jr.	Charles H. and Beatrice P.
Aug.		
1	Joseph Kenneth Muise	Sylvine J. and Margaret B.
2	Walter Edward O'Connell	Walter E. and Margaret T.
3	Patricia Yvonne Conrad	Roy A. and Jeannette G.
3	Helen Wooldridge	Chester M. and Viola N.
5	Mary Marguerite Calhoun	James L. and Alvena M.
5	Ruth Louise Whiting	Oscar R. and Mary M.
6	James Leonard Doucette	Frank P. and Ruth B.
6	Raymond Joseph Racine	Wilfred and Louise G.
7	Mary Louise Kelly	John H. and Susan R.
7	James Edward Kelly	John H. and Susan R.
8	Edward Winfred Spiller	Edward and Amy P.
10	Clarence James Arsenault	Peter J. and Oveline P.
11	Robert Dillingham Stevens	Chester D. and Beulah P.
14	David John Walsh, Jr.	David J. and Elizabeth C.
19	Robert Oscar Berglund	Charles W. and Edna F.
25	Robert Russell Ralston	Robert S. and Edith S.
27	Rodney James Rust	Lawrence J. and Ruth F.
29	Elmer Baxter Stratton, Jr.	Elmer B. and Leora G.
29	Walter Sias Stratton	Elmer B. and Leora G.
30	Helen Marie Kimball	Walter B. and Marie B.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1925

Date	Name	Parents
Sept.		
5	John Mitchell Bolton	John A. and Mildred O.
7	Rose Ella Virginia Fisher	Harry J. and Eliza F.
9	Betty Marie Barton	William J. and Annie M. S.
10	Robert Carleton Dugan	George R. and Gertrude P.
13	Shirley Jean Hatch	William H. and Ida N.
16	Doris May Meuse	Alfred and Marie W.
16	Joseph Eugene Muise	John H. and Mary S.
16	Helen J. Vavoudes	Peter J. and Anna T.
17	Marie Theresa Palumbo	John and Mary S.
19	Mary Rose Doucette	Joseph L. and Gertrude Amirault
19	Arthur Thomas Ferris	Thomas and Marcia S.
21	Elizabeth Lorraine Sanders	Robert C. and Marion D.
26	Elinor Abbott	George W. and Cora L.
27	Russell Eugene Carter	Thomas E. and Mabel R.
28	Philip Norbert Cail	Wilbur S. and Margaret R.
28	Mary Alice White	Joseph J. and Mary G.
Oct.		
9	Beryl Doris Cook	Chester A. and Lois S.
11	Paul Herbolzheimer	Harry and Doris B.
11	Hazel Marie McIntosh	John A. and Lillian C.
12	Edward Eldon Meekins	Eldon E. and Olga N.
12	Mary Aileen Spillane	Timothy J. and Aileen D.
15	Alice Virginia Ellis	Louis A. and Beulah G.
16	Harold Austin Gray	Frank R. and Ada B.
19	———— Florence	William E. and Edith B.
22	Albion Murray Benton, Jr.	Albion M. and Bertha P.
23	Mary Ida Saulnier	Hormisdas S. and Marie D.
26	Joseph Edward Surette	Sylvine J. and Mary B.
31	Ralph Emerson Flint	Paul and Ethel P.
Nov.		
5	Cathleen Olive Doucette	Jeremiah and Eunice
6	John Joseph LeFave	John J. and Mabel D.
7	Edward Maurice Hubbard	Simon D. and Delcie D.
8	George Henry Arsenault	James and Eugenie M.
9	John Alden Reed	Merrill P. and Bessie F.
10	Henry Irving Thompson, Jr.	Henry I. and Catherine May W.
13	Marie Elizabeth Arsenault	George G. and Florence B.
13	William Thomas Nickerson	Charles N. and Elizabeth H.
15	Joseph Raymond Wilton	Julius K. and Eva G.
17	Margarite Loretta Jones	William F. and Margarite H.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1925

Date	Name	Parents
17	Mary Casimir Tanner	Frank D. and Mary A.
18	Albert Richard Goodwin	Albert C. and Elsie H.
18	Mildred Georgine Tracey	Clayton and Mildred B.
20	William Russell Brennan	J. Gordon and Sarah H.
22	Herbert Austin Stimpson	George H. and Harriet W.
22	Martha Stimpson	George H. and Harriet W.
22	Walter Leander Rowell, Jr.	Walter L. and Mabel Louise T.
23	Thelma Alice Precourt	William E. and Alice G.
24		
25	Robert William Gurney	Russell B. and Hattie W.
26	Joseph Edward Dunn	Francis J. and Catherine D.
27	Ann Richmond	Ernest D. and Katherine W.
29	Doris Marion DeLong	Ormiston L. and Marion R.
Dec.		
5	Pauline Agnes Doucette	John J. and Marion F.
7	Jane Veazie	Harold K. and Bernice L.
9	Paul Russell Wells	Harry L. and Marjorie S.
10	Richmond Dean Williams	Theodore R. and Anabel H.
11	Leon Edmond D'Entremont	Edmond L. and Rose D'Eon
15	Anna Rose Burbine	John A. and Lavinia C.
12	John Woodbury Harrison, Jr.	John W. and Bertha E.
18		
19	Donald Hunt Clapperton	John and Jemima W.
20	Joseph Griffin	James J. and Beatrice F.
21	Jean Frances Maguire	John F. and Margaret R.
24	———— Affonso	Manuel and Emma B.
31	Mabel Helen DeVeau	George J. and Minnie D.
31	Rose Caroline Hatfield	William and Edna W.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR PRECEDING YEARS

March 17, 1907		
	Charles Oliver	Joseph P. and Filomena M.
April 9, 1910		
	Ruth Frances Doucette	William and Mary B.
June 13, 1911		
	Edward Oakes Kenney, Jr.	Edward O. and Ruth C.
Dec. 2, 1924		
	Bruce Souther Putnam	Harold S. and Sarah H.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1925

Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
Jan.				
1	George Geoffrey Thibeau	23	Machinist Helper	Reading
	Irene Frances Doucette	22	Shoe Worker	Woburn
6	William Francis Castine	30	Chauffeur	Reading
	Katherine LeFave	20	Housework	Reading
7	Joseph James McGrath	21	Teamster	Somerville
	Alice Elizabeth Hubert	19	At Home	Reading
8	Michael Torosian	28	Fruit Dealer	Reading
	Mabel M. Chace	23	At Home	Boston
10	Ernest Dalton Richmond, Jr.	23	Insurance	Reading
	Katherine Wilson	20	At Home	Reading
15	Joseph William Flynn	24	Manager	Stoneham
	Mary Elizabeth Frotten	21	Shoe Worker	Reading
24	Albert Orrison Dill	21	Supervising Engineer	Reading
	Barbara Winship	26	Teacher	Reading
Feb.				
1	Arthur Franklin Castine	21	Box Maker	Reading
	Jennie Beatrice Orde	20	Waitress	Boston
16	MacLeod C. Stewart	17	Shipper	Reading
	Josephine G. Hurley	18	None	Boston
22	Joseph Lawrence Doucette	23	Chauffeur	Reading
	Gertrude Amirault	17	Packer	Reading
Mar.				
8	Ernest B. Smith	25	Conductor	Reading
	Bernice Dunn	27	Secretary	Reading
18	Wilbur Dane Cruff	25	Boat Builder	Marblehead
	Mary Louise Kennedy	18	At Home	Marblehead
20	Fred. Cole Lewis	25	Salesman	Marblehead
	Blanche Mary Letourneau	22	Clerk	Marblehead
Apr.				
2	William R. Gilman	25	Chemist	Mattapan
	Ida R. Esner	24	At Home	Reading
2	George C. Jewell	71	Broker	Reading
	Josephine R. Emerson	61	At Home	Plaistow, N. H.
11	Eugene Leslie Stevens	25	Carpenter	Reading
	Maude Evelyn O'Brien	24	Bookkeeper	Wilmington
12	Charles Leverett Gowing, Jr.	19	Projectionist	Reading
	Mary Lena MacWhinnie	18	Box Maker	Wakefield
12	Joseph Francis McKenna	24	Auto Mechanic	Medford
	Alice Mary Johnson	20	Clerk	Reading

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Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
18	Leonard Eugene Rautenberg	23	Bookkeeper	Buffalo, N. Y.
	Marjorie Quimby	23	At Home	Reading
18	John Earle Sewell	28	Cotton Salesman	Reading
	Elizabeth Montgomery Purnell	26	At Home	Scituate
19	Frank X. Brown	29	Painter	Reading
	Mary Elizabeth Perry	22	Housework	Melrose
25	Ralph E. Wilson	27	Cashier	Reading
	Ruth Anderson	24	Clerk	Stoneham
27	Roy Wellington Taylor	25	Last Maker	East Middleboro
	Alice Masury Kelly	21	At Home	Reading
30	Joseph Beals	61	Clerk and Business Mgr. School Committee	Worcester
	Helen Raymond Abbott	36	Teacher and Writer	Reading
May				
7	Philip J. Flanders	63	Janitor	Reading
	Ella M. (Watson) Flanders	59	Nurse	Reading
9	George Warren Sprague	21	Chauffeur	Reading
	Dorothy Thayer Crosby	16	Waitress	Woburn
17	Frank Joseph Collins	25	Clerk	Reading
	Elsiemae Lowande	25	At Home	Reading
17	Daniel Joseph Desmond	27	Manager	Reading
	Helen Gertrude Tirrell	25	Telephone Operator	Woburn
27	James Albert Smith	30	St. Car Repair Man	Reading
	Mary Frances Gibney	38	At Home	Reading
31	Arthur Michael Curtin	27	Accountant	Reading
	Margaret Jane Griffiths	31	Private Secretary	Reading
June				
12	Frank Theodore Larson	24	Electrician	Everett
	Mildred Marie Silck	22	None	East Boston
12	Frederick Arthur Trevor	25	Dentist	Reading
	Blanche Mosley	25	Dental Hygienist	Canton
13	Arthur A. LaChance	46	Woodworker	Reading
	Edith L. Cutter	45	Housekeeper	Reading
15	Robert E. Fowle	29	Salesman	Reading
	Christie M. Webber	22	At Home	Reading
19	Alfred Nelson	31	Carpenter	Malden
	Florence Dunphy	23	Stenographer	Malden
24	Albert Charles Harvey	21	Mechanic	Reading
	Hattie Arabella Akroyd	21	At Home	Reading
24	James Samuel Martin	24	Salesman	Reading
	Vera Alice Harvey	24	Stenographer	Reading

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1925

Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
24	Joseph White	20	Mill Hand	Reading
	Mary Gerald	17	Housework	Reading
26	George Redness Gill	25	Mechanic	Somerville
	Mabel A. Marden	22	Telegrapher	Everett
27	Theodore Hollis Ware	21	Costumer	Reading
	Miriam Helen Buck	20	Stenographer	Wilmington
28	Percy Carmen Coulter	28	Embosser	Reading
	Agnes Mary Galvin	30	Clerk	Reading
28	Joseph Garvia	21	Tanner	Woburn
	Mary Elizabeth Clements	17	Mill Hand	Reading
July				
11	Clarence Linwood Thomas	23	Inspector	Reading
	Muriel Chislett Litchfield	22	Clerk	Reading
16	Charles Lawrence Cummings	25	Taxi Business	Reading
	Harriet R. MacNaughton	20	Bookkeeper	Everett
16	Herbert Warren Lauriat	28	Yard Switchman	Reading
	Helen Esther Watson	18	None	Reading
Aug.				
1	James Wesley Joslyn	25	Manager	Westfield
	Bertha Natalie Farrant	25	Nurse	Reading
1	Dana Leslie Reed	23	Auto Tester	Andover
	Mary Viola Holland	22	Bookkeeper	Reading
13	Timothy James Spillane	23	Laundry Work	Reading
	Arline Devaney	20	At Home	Woburn
15	Ray K. Stevens	24	Salesman	Reading
	Ethel Jordan	24	At Home	Reading
16	Walter Manning Earley	25	Printer	Philadelphia, Pa.
	Mary Elizabeth Ingalls	23	Secretary	Reading
19	Clarence Leon Doucette	24	Clerk	Reading
	Frances Laura Surrette	21	Typist	Wilmington
21	George Alfred MacConney	23	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Rodna Mayo Finger	28	Typist	No. Reading
22	Charles Saben, Jr.	21	Bookkeeper	Winthrop
	Clarice Dill	20	Bookkeeper	Reading
26	Victor Hugo Davis	24	Merchant	Reading
	Madeleine Natalie Hawkins	24	Stenographer	Reading
29	George Francis Laing	23	Asst. Prod. Mgr.	Reading
	Helen Bertha Cutter	24	At Home	Wilmington
30	William Joseph Munroe	20	Clerk	Roxbury
	Mary Regan	16	Cashier	Reading

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Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
Sept.				
4	George S. Squires	54	Supt.	Reading
	Theresa M. Turner	34	Cloth Inspector	Reading
8	Eldon Edward Meekins	22	Chauffeur	Reading
	Olga Nutile	25	At Home	Woburn
13	Alfred Muise	20	Fisherman	Reading
	Mary White	18	Housework	Wakefield
14	John Leroy Anderson	28	Electrician	Reading
	Louena Boardman	29	Bookkeeper	Lawrence
19	Michael H. Fahey	48	Shoemaker	Lynn
	Florence M. Fahey	33	Hairdresser	Auburn, Maine
26	William J. McCoy	29	Steam Engineer	Reading
	Edna G. Maynard	35	Mill Operative	Reading
27	William Edward Meuse	19	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Edith Frances May Clements	20	At Home	Reading
Oct.				
1	Charles R. Wait	44	Architect	Reading
	Gladys Anderton	25	Secretary	Melrose
5	Orrison Leonard Dickinson	21	Mechanic	Reading
	Olga Viola Lillian Peterson	17	Clerk	Reading
7	Clement Tucker Gleason	25	Bank Clerk	Reading
	Catherine Asunta Michelini	20	At Home	Reading
10	Lester Willard Manley	21	Custom Dress Cutter	Melrose
	Katherine Elizabeth Roberts	20	Stenographer	Winthrop
10	Gooch, Sargent	32	Construction Foreman	Reading
	Hazel Bartlett Roaf	31	Savings Teller	Newburyport
15	Augustus Surrette	33	Carpenter	Reading
	Annie M. Surrette	32	Housework	Reading
19	Clarence Edward Flint	33	Shipper	Reading
	Ethel May Caswell	31	Filing Clerk	Everett
21	Martin Luke Devaney	36	R. R. Accountant	Reading
	Catherine Agnes Desmond	30	At Home	Roxbury
24	Frank Stuart Post	25	Chemist	Reading
	Elise Gibson Dermon	22	At Home	Framingham
25	Manuel Joseph Affonso	21	Organ Worker	Reading
	Annie Emma Burke	20	Waitress	Boston
25	Edward W. Alexander	55	Interior Decorator	Reading
	Margaret Theresa Fitzgerald	51	Forelady	Everett
30	Joseph LeBlanc	46	Fisherman	Melrose
	Celena (Hubbard) Amirault	39	At Home	Reading
31	Herbert W. Martin	42	Foreman	Lynn
	Ethel L. Young	21	At Home	Lynn

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Date	Names	Age	Occupation	Residence
Nov.				
8	James Catania	23	Patent Leather Hand	Woburn
	Noami Humphrey	18	Chocolate Worker	Reading
19	Theodore Bleton Campbell	20	Counterman	Reading
	Doris May Runge	18	At Home	Reading
22	Victor S. Long	52	Conductor	Reading
	Lena E. (Leavitt) Streeter	34	At Home	Reading
25	Elliott John Canty	24	Clerk	Reading
	Beulah May MacInnis	31	Nurse	Reading
26	Henry Joseph Meuse	26	Clerk	Reading
	Mary Minnie Doucette	20	Laundry Hand	Reading
28	John E. Marks	21	Salesman	Reading
	Marion J. Myrick	24	At Home	Conway, N. H.
28	John N. Murphy	41	Printer	Reading
	Ethyl M. Fordham	36	Clerk	Reading
Dec.				
5	Oscar Henry Johnson	26	Painter	Reading
	Ruth Marion Dowling	25	Saleswoman	Brookline
7	William A. Doucette	21	Laborer	Reading
	Dorothy E. Clark	20	Mill Operative	Wakefield
12	Willard Thorburn	23	Painter	Salem
	Lillian Turner	20	Stenographer	Reading
14	Elmer Holbrook Robinson	50	Plant Supervisor	Reading
	Alice Parlin	30	Teacher	Arlington
29	Herbert Whiteside O'Neill	27	Salesman	Reading
	Marjorie Hayward	25	At Home	Easton
30	Douglas Philip Doucette	21	Clerk	Reading
	Gertrude Dorothy Meuse	17	At Home	Stoneham
31	George Kenneth Slater	26	Salesman	Reading
	Beatrice Mildred Trefry	24	Stenographer	Wakefield

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1925

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
Aug. 10, 1924					
	Evelyn Converse	61	1	27	Cirrhosis of Liver
Jan.					
1	Fred. L. Sylvester	64	2	8	Arterio Sclerosis
6	Willard H. Kempton	82	11	11	Bronchitis
10	David Zermonsky	29	—	—	Automobile Accident
10	Lillian A. Hawkins	57	8	25	Heart Disease
12	Sarah Jane Centro	77	7	20	Gastro Enteritis
18	Michael J. Shannon	55	—	—	Nephritis
21	Lucy B. Sewell	63	5	13	Pneumonia
21	Augustine White	73	—	—	Pneumonia
23	Abbie E. Page	91	0	29	Bronchitis
27	Grace G. Harding	71	8	15	Bronchitis
31	Reuben H. Horton	79	8	28	Myocarditis
Feb.					
3	Robert James Croft	0	4	4	Bronchitis
4	Mary Nelson	75	6	13	Arterio Sclerosis
4	Mildred I. Zwicker	31	4	30	Septicaemia
5	James P. Blanch	55	3	5	Carditis
5	Charles Wakefield	85	6	12	Nephritis
8	Fred. E. Grimes	5	10	30	Pneumonia
10	Thomas H. Barrett	61	—	—	R. R. Accident
10	Althea A. Higgins	80	0	13	Hemorrhage
10	Margaret McLeod	79	1	15	Arterio Sclerosis
13	Sarah E. Tukey	84	7	28	Arterio Sclerosis
15	Marion T. Brady	33	9	17	Heart Disease
16	Harriet S. Flint	93	6	5	Myocarditis
19	Edward Webb	67	3	21	Carcinoma
22	Frederick Putnam	67	6	14	Myocarditis
24	Francis Bartley	87	10	12	Bronchitis
24					
27	George W. Kossuth	68	10	4	Myocarditis
27	Katherine C. McDavitt	50	5	8	Sclerosis
Mar.					
6	Zeba M. Saunders	85	0	13	Pneumonia
10	Francis Osman Dewey	47	—	—	Exacerbation
12	Louise C. Meuse	14	3	18	Pneumonia

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
25	James E. Alger	74	11	25	Erysipelas
30	Mabel Frances Nelson	47	6	5	Influenza
31	Rosamond A. Stone	79	6	9	Arterio Sclerosis
31	Ida L. Wadlin	67	—	—	Pneumonia
Apr.					
1	Minnie Ausbourne	82	7	16	Angina Pectoris
1	Annie C. Freeman	67	4	21	Carcinoma
1	Margaret A. Quillen	62	—	—	Carcinoma
6	Louise E. Burrage	39	11	23	Infection
6	Benjamin F. Gibbs	81	10	9	Myocarditis
8	Ann L. Damon	80	4	12	Carcinoma
11	Mildred Becker	20	4	23	Pneumonia
16	Ora Barrett	19	11	8	Endocarditis
17	Jennie C. Gilman	80	1	—	Myocarditis
17	James Townsend	71	10	17	Carcinoma
20	Otis P. Symonds	86	9	15	Obstruction
23	Annie Rogers	53	—	—	Myocarditis
25	Charles H. Rose	76	9	14	Pneumonia
26	Roxanna C. Underwood	72	7	26	Hemorrhage
30	John L. Dunshee	72	8	16	Carcinoma
May					
12	Carl P. Matson	0	0	23	Neonotorium
13	Hannah Lothrop Worth	81	0	15	Carcinoma
14	Lizzie M. Heselton	77	2	2	Hemorrhage
17	John F. Hurley	48	7	15	Arterio Sclerosis
18	Emma Kimball Eames	89	10	13	Hemorrhage
21	Mary Ann Ainsworth	62	1	23	Myocarditis
21	Catherine F. Corrigan	64	6	7	Hemorrhage
22	Daisy Sullivan	36	3	9	Embolism
24	Helen Eyre Robinson	50	9	11	Endocarditis
26	Carrie M. Verrill	39	11	26	Tuberculosis
27	Francis W. Kenney	48	4	5	Appendicitis
28	Ella S. Pease	78	6	29	Carcinoma
28	Martha B. Willis	78	6	21	Arterio Sclerosis
29	Mary Josephine Doyle	80	—	—	Myocarditis
30	James W. Borthwick	69	0	3	Arterio Sclerosis
30	Ellen Murphy	72	8	8	Erysipelas
30	Edward White	17	8	28	Poisoning

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1925

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
June					
3	Robert C. Sherrod	0	5	8	Thrombosis
4	Frank E. Gleason	41	9	18	Anthrax
6	Edward Payson Guild	68	2	23	Bronchitis
8	Elizabeth Hall Bennett	77	7	26	Myocarditis
14	William Thompson Langdon	86	11	18	Myocarditis
30	Infant Burke	0	0	1	Reaction, Difficult Birth
July					
1	Mary A. Ford	67	0	26	Myocarditis
2					
4	Pauline S. Downes	85	—	—	Myocarditis
4	Olena A. Jones	81	11	12	Heart Disease
9	Sylvina A. Manning	85	9	28	Carcinoma
10	Hannah E. Pomfret	44	6	25	Surgical Shock
13	Lydia M. Baker	85	0	7	Heart Disease
16	Hildegard E. Sillars	45	4	2	Hemorrhage
20	Paul W. Doucette	2	2	18	Cleft Palate
20	Raymond Meuse	5	2	1	Uraemia
21	Samuel J. Howarth	56	4	22	Brain Sclerosis
21	Birtwell L. Varnum	53	2	6	Apoplexy
23	Mary Ellen Doucette	58	3	3	Pneumonia
24	Mary E. Powers	76	6	29	Hemorrhage
25	Emma F. Poock	43	11	27	Regurgitation
Aug.					
6	George S. Hamilton	75	7	12	Cancer of Stomach
6	Minnie J. Owen	59	3	25	Carcinoma
15	Isabella Jane Chandler	87	8	14	Hemorrhage
15					
20	Daniel W. MacKinnon	52	8	20	Peritonitis
28	Nellie Frances Smith	69	4	14	Hemorrhage
30	Winfield F. Partridge	87	2	23	Hemorrhage
Sept.					
3	Hazel M. Cullinane	22	2	14	Tuberculosis
7	William Walton Nason	77	7	10	Inanition
13	Charles H. Wilson	56	5	26	Heart Disease
21	Janet F. Amirault	1	11	—	Convulsions
21	John N. Bennett	0	8	21	Asphyxiation
21	Elizabeth Dwyer	77	10	24	Cholelithiasis

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
21	Thomas Surrette	21	—	—	Accidental Burns
22	Richard Arsenault	19	3	7	Accidental Burns
22	Albert D. Shumaker	35	3	18	Tuberculosis
26	Isabelle B. Newhouse	70	4	11	Thrombosis
Oct.					
4	Henry W. Flagler	49	10	17	Automobile Accident
8	Julia Gallant	78	—	—	Apoplexy
21	John W. Fowler	60	0	3	Diabetes
25	Charles I. Grant	58	3	2	Carcinoma
28	Susie Ann Brown	55	—	—	Thrombosis
Nov.					
2	Roxanna Kaulbeck	87	4	18	Heart Disease
3	Harold Gray	0	0	18	Lymphaticus
4	Martha J. Hutchinson	86	3	20	Bronchitis
5	Horace G. Wadlin	74	1	3	Uraemia
10	Blanchard Daniel Sewell	67	5	5	Cancer of Pancreas
13	Henry Irvin Thompson	0	0	3	Convulsions
14	Mary C. Norton	65	—	—	Myocarditis
16	Mary L. Heilge	76	6	14	Nephritis
18	Frank M. Clark	74	5	10	Hemorrhage
24					
26	Doris May Meuse	0	2	12	Pneumonia
29	Daniel V. Clarke	73	3	20	Myocarditis
Dec.					
9	Emmacetta M. Gunnison	72	8	3	Cerebral Thrombosis
11	Eugenie Arsenault	38	6	—	Embolism
13	Emma H. Cook	79	6	24	Hemorrhage
25	Charles S. Gerritson	73	1	22	Nephritis
26	John James Cameron	77	7	15	Myocarditis
27	Edward A. Ricketts	82	9	17	Shock
29	Emma M. Brown	83	3	11	Myocarditis
31	Catherine Josephine Chadbourne	26	0	0	Arsenical Therapy

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Reading:

We herewith submit the annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1925, together with the reports of the various departments under our supervision.

The first meeting of the board following the annual election, was held March 6, 1925. Frederick L. Springford was chosen Chairman, Robert E. Parker, Secretary, and Leon G. Bent was appointed Clerk.

The regular meetings were held on Friday evenings throughout the year and in addition eleven special meetings were held.

We have held five hearings on applications for permits to store and sell gasoline and three permits have been issued.

In joint meetings with the Board of Public Works and the Planning Board, it has been decided to develop a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the Common and the Municipal Building and Library grounds.

With this in view the services of Mr. Warren H. Manning have been secured to assist in the matter, and while it may not be practical to carry out the whole of this plan at once, we believe that whatever may be done should conform to a definite plan of development.

The trust funds accruing to the Town through bequests together with the Cemetery Trust Fund held by the Town have accumulated to an amount where it has seemed wise to this Board that a Board of Trustees of all Trust Funds of the Town should be appointed and we have, therefore, petitioned the State Legislature for an act providing for the appointment of such a Board.

In line with the policy of the Board of Selectmen to meet the need of increased police protection, due in a large measure to greater auto traffic, we have appointed an additional patrolman.

Through the efforts of some of the insurance agents in Reading, a survey has been made by the New England Insurance Exchange, with a view to obtaining a lower classification, which would result in lower fire insurance rates throughout the Town, and while the changes recommended would entail expenditures not commensurate with the immediate return, yet this report gives a basis along which we may work toward ultimate improvements.

We are pleased to report that the Board has been able to reduce the budget of the departments under its charge so that the total appropriation requested for 1926 is about one thousand dollars less than last year.

The financial statements of our departments are found in the Town Accountant's report.

In conclusion we acknowledge with appreciation the fine spirit of co-operation evidenced by the various officials, department heads and employes, with this Board, tending to lessen the problems and resulting in greater efficiency and success in the conduct of our Town affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK L. SPRINGFORD, Chairman
ROBERT E. PARKER, Secretary
CHARLES F. TREVOR
Selectmen of Reading.

December 31, 1925.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The duties of the Board of Public Welfare are of such a nature that an extended public report is not feasible and as so much of the detail of this department receives the efficient and conscientious attention of our Visitor, Miss Helen A. Brown, we submit her report which follows as the report of the Board.

Respectfully,

FREDERICK L. SPRINGFORD, Chairman
ROBERT E. PARKER, Secretary
CHARLES F. TREVOR
Board of Public Welfare.

December 31, 1925.

REPORT OF VISITOR

To the Board of Public Welfare:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925.

Owing to scarcity of houses in Reading, which may be rented for a small amount, several of the families who had formerly received aid from the Board of Public Welfare, have been obliged to leave and find cheaper tenements in nearby towns. This has reduced the number being aided in this town, but does not help our annual budget, for if these families have to be aided in another town where they are now living, the bills will have to be paid by the town of Reading, as long as their settlement in Reading holds. The number of those aided in Reading has also been reduced for other reasons. Four Mothers' Aid cases terminated, one on account of insurance received from death of the husband, another by the marriage of the widow, a third by the age limit of the children being reached, and the fourth by removal from town. Aid was given to two families when the man was out of work, but stopped when work was again to be found. Death claimed four elderly people. Aid to sixteen families, comprising a total of seventy-five persons, was stopped during the year, while only six new cases, comprising nineteen persons, were taken on. Three of these new cases have already been closed.

At present we are furnishing milk to only one family, fuel to five families, cash to ten, including Mothers' Aid, and rent to four, two of which are reimbursed by the State. The board of three elderly people is being paid. The visitor recorded three hundred and ninety-two calls made, beside several visits to hospitals.

We wish to thank the Social Service Committee of the Visiting Nurse Association for the work done in distributing the bountiful Thanksgiving dinners supplied by the school children, and the Elks and other organizations and individuals for the generous aid at Christmas. The Tuberculosis Committee has given aid in welfare work during the year which is much appreciated, and has organized a Confidential Exchange. We hope all churches and other organizations will register with this exchange, as it will help to avoid duplication in aiding families.

The visitor wishes to express her thanks to the members of the Board for their co-operation, and to the clerk of the Board, Mr. Bent, for his constant interest and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN A. BROWN, Visitor.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department of the Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1925:

Arrests for the year 1925

Total number of arrests for the year 1925—152.

Males	143
Females	9
Residents	52
Non-residents	100
American born	132
Foreign born	22
Adults	137
Minors	15

Causes of Arrests

Assaults	13
Drunkenness	45
Breaking and entering	2
Driving under influence of liquor	12
Illegal transportation of liquor	4
Unlawfully appropriating auto	1
Violating auto law	24
Non-support	3
For out of town officers	7
Manslaughter	1
S lling leased property	2
Larceny	7
Cruelty to animals	1
Not paying help	1
Violating parole	1
Capias	2
Insane	2
Keeping and exposing liquor for sale	8
No home	1
Tramp	1
Forgery	1
Disturbing the peace	3
	152

Disposition of Cases in Court

Fined	41
Released	13
Turned over to out of town officers	7
Placed on file	44
Placed on probation	6
Cases continued	5
State Hospital at Danvers	2
Committed, House of Correction	5
Discharged	13
Sentenced to the House of Correction, suspended	5
Appealed	5
Held for Grand Jury	2
Concord Reformatory, sentence suspended	2
State Hospital, Tewksbury	1
Defaulted	2

Amount of Fines Imposed by the Court

9 at $ 5.00 each	$ 45.00
7 at $10.00 each	70.00
4 at $15.00 each	60.00
3 at $20.00 each	60.00
2 at $25.00 each	50.00
7 at $50.00 each	350.00
3 at $75.00 each	225.00
4 at $100.00 each	400.00
1 at $150.00	150.00
1 at $200.00	200.00
Total	$1,610.00

Miscellaneous

Accidents	153
Buildings found open and secured	73
Cases investigated	105
Dead bodies taken care of	2
Defective sidewalks and streets	3
Dogs killed	17
Disturbances quelled	15
Lanterns put in dangerous places	7
Lights reported out	11
Search warrants served	13
Keys found in doors	3
Summons served for out of town officers	29
Windows found open	6
Children found and returned to parents	11
Wire found burning and reported	4

Fire discovered by officers	1
Horses killed	1
Gas leaks found and reported to the Gas. Co.	1
Houses vacated and special attention given them	15
Amount of property reported stolen	$3,000.80
Amount of property recovered	2515.00
Amount of property damaged and restitution made	850.00
Stolen automobiles reported by out of town officers	75

ROSTER

Chief

Jeremiah Cullinane

Patrolmen

Oscar H. Low
Frank R. Fisher
Daniel T. Scanlon
Francis T. Slack
Patrick J. Long
William F. O'Brien
Harold W. O'Brien
Timothy J. Cullinane

Conclusion

At this time I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Judges and Officers of our District Court, our local press, and all others who have assisted in promoting the welfare of this department; also all members of the force for what they have done to make our town safe and sane.

Respectfully yours,

JEREMIAH CULLINANE, Chief of Police.

Dec. 31, 1925.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reading, Mass, December 31, 1925.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The annual report of the Fire Department is herewith submitted giving the record of fires that have occurred during the year ending December 31, 1925, together with such information as I think may be of interest to the Town.

Finances

My financial transactions are all embodied in the report of the Town Accountant to which I would respectfully refer you for any information you may desire in that line.

Manual Force

The Department consists of eight permanent men (including its chief) and twenty-two call men. The permanent force is divided into two platoons—three on one shift and four on the other.

Apparatus and Equipment

The Department has five pieces of motor apparatus, four of which are at the Central Fire station, as follows: one Knox triple combination pumping engine of 600 gallons per minute capacity, purchased in 1913; one Robinson double tank combination, purchased in 1916; one Robinson combination service ladder truck in which a White motor has been installed, purchased in 1916; one Simplex single tank combination which was placed in service in 1923. All of the machines are in good working order. At Hose No. 2 Station on Woburn St. there is a Ford hose truck.

Recommendations

I would recommend that Combination C be painted this year and also that a new radiator be purchased for this truck. As the tires on the ladder truck are now six years old and in a weakened condition I would recommend that these be replaced this year. I would further recommend the purchase of the following: six chairs, a table, six ash cans, safety belts, two all service masks and one portalite. I also recommend that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Public Works confer on more hydrants as there is a decided shortage of hydrants in the Square.

Fire Prevention

I have issued 685 permits for fires out of doors, four permits for the installation of oil burning equipment, five permits for the sale of fireworks, and three permits for the transportation of explosives.

There are now over one hundred fuel oil burners in use in this town, most of which are of an approved type and have the necessary safety attachments on them, but there are still a few which are not so equipped and constitute a fire hazard.

Record of Alarms

This has been the busiest year in the history of the department we having answered 251 alarms. Three workmen lost their lives at the explosion and fire of the Leo Products Co. on September 21st. We also had a call for the lungmotor from Martin's Pond. And two calls were to assist in the rescue of horses from cesspools. The record by months is as follows:

	Bell	Still	Tel.	Total
January	5	3	10	18
February	2	0	5	7
March	4	0	20	24
April	6	1	25	32
May	3	0	11	14
June	1	0	6	7
July	6	2	12	20
August	5	1	9	15
September	9	2	5	16
October	8	4	27	39
November	11	1	18	30
December	8	1	20	29
Total	68	15	168	251

Number of miles traveled	1,107.4
Number of feet of 2½ in. hose laid	10,850
Number of feet of 1½ in. hose laid	6,000
Number of feet of chemical hose used	1,400
Number of feet of ladders raised	347
Number of gallons of chemical used	1052
Number of gallons of gasoline used	518
Number of gallons of oil used	32
Value of property in danger	$76,650.00
Insurance thereon	$63,900.00
Loss thereto	$15,635.80
Insurance paid	$10,887.80
Uninsured loss	$ 4,748.00

Conclusion

In conclusion, I wish to extend to your Honorable Board, to the Town Accountant, Treasurer and the Finance Committee, my thanks for the courtesies and co-operation I have received during the year. I wish to compliment the officers and members of the department on the prompt and efficient manner in which they have performed their duties. I also wish to express my thanks to the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company for the use of current, to the Chief of Police for services rendered by his department at fires and to the employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for the prompt and efficient service rendered in receiving alarms by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Chief of Fire Department.

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

Reading, Mass, December 31, 1925.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The annual report of the Forest Warden is herewith submitted for the year ending December 31, 1925.

The financial transactions of this department are embodied in the report of the Town Accountant to which I refer you for any information along this line.

The following deputies were appointed by me and approved by the State Forest Warden: Henry M. Donegan, Federal St., Hugh L. Eames, Central Fire Station, John J. O'Brien, Central Fire Station.

Combination C is now used for all grass and brush fires and this machine is now equipped with 1200 ft. of 1½ in. hose as well as brooms and 2½ gallon extinguishers.

In the Spring of this year I posted all wood lots and roadsides in the wooded section of the town with very gratifying results. I have investigated all fires and sent reports of them to the State Fire Warden.

Number of permits for fires out of doors	226
Number of calls for grass and brush fires	148
Number of calls from look-out stations	17

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who have in any way assisted this department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Forest Warden.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDING

Reading, Massachusetts, Dec. 31, 1925.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

The building construction for the past year was as follows:—

74	New one-family dwellings and one two-family dwelling at an approximate cost of	$441,850.00
19	Alterations and additions to dwellings at an approximate cost of	11,980.00
35	New one-car garages	
31	New two-car garages	
7	New garages for three cars and more	
5	New greenhouses	
5	New factories	
1	New building containing stores	
5	New small stores	
2	Alterations or additions to stores	
1	New restaurant	
2	Additions to garages	
7	New hen houses and 1 addition to hen house	
1	New office and garage	
1	Addition to office	
1	New tool shed	
1	Addition to a barn	
The above buildings were built at an approximate cost of		161,683.00
The total cost of all new and remodelled buildings the past year amounts to approximately		$615,513.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. RUSSELL BARNES, Inspector of Buildings.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully submit herewith my report as Inspector of Wires for the year ending December 31, 1925:

Number of new buildings wired	80
Number of old buildings wired	43
Number of buildings re-wired or in which additional wiring has been installed	70
Number of service outlets wired (approximate)	2883
Number of ranges connected	23
Number of heaters connected	7
Number of motors connected	27
H. P. of motors connected	270

The new buildings wired were 80 dwellings, eight garages, seven stores, two filling stations and one church.

Property owners are requested to see that the Inspector of Wires is notified whenever additions or changes are made in their electric wiring, in order that inspection may be made.

"The National Electrical Code," which contains the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters for Electric Wiring, has been revised during the past year and is on file at the office of the Inspector of Wires. Any one desiring a copy may obtain same at the office of the New England Insurance Exchange, 18 Oliver Street, Boston.

Special attention should be given to the installation of outdoor antennas for radio reception. These cannot be installed over electric light or power wires without creating a dangerous hazard to life and property. Suitable antennas are now available for attaching to the ridge of the house, where space is limited.

Poles and Overhead Wires

One hundred and sixteen defective poles have been renewed by the Municipal Light Department during the year. Many have also been renewed by the Telephone and Street Railway Companies, but the exact number is not available. Additional poles have been set on the following streets:

Bancroft Avenue, Edgewood Avenue, Hartshorn Street, Main Street, Norman Road, Pleasant Street, Parkman Street, Prescott Street, Pratt Place, Pearl Street, Summer Avenue, Thorndike Street, Tower Road, Walnut Street and Warren Avenue.

The joint use of poles by the Municipal Light Department, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, and Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, has resulted in the removal from the streets of many duplicate pole lines.

Tree wire with special insulation has been installed in several streets where trouble has occurred due to contact with trees. It is planned to have more of this work done during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SIAS, Inspector of Wires.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 31, 1925.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The work in the Tree Warden Department for the past year has consisted of the usual trimming and repairing of the trees.

I also planted one hundred shade trees on the roadside and as I find it very difficult to purchase trees suitable for roadside planting I have started a nursery at the Town Farm by planting one thousand seedlings and I intend to plant three thousand more this year. So the town will have their own shade trees in a few years.

I recommend the same appropriation as last year—fifteen hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. DONEGAN, Tree Warden.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF VETERANS' GRAVES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report as Custodian of Veterans' Graves for the year 1925.

Acting under your instructions, one man was employed a part of each working day from May 2, until December 11, to work exclusively on Veterans' lots.

During the growing season it took all of his time to keep the grass cut but later in the season several sunken graves were raised and seeded.

The location of the particular grave in which Veterans are buried in the various lots is quite a problem at the present time and will become more of one in future years if each grave is not provided with a permanent marker of some sort while there are Veterans alive who are familiar with their location.

Having this in mind, the latter part of the season was devoted to this work. Over two hundred markers were made which will show the location of the grave, the war in which he served and the number of the grave to correspond with the record in this office.

The markers are five inches in diameter and are to be set flush with the turf. They are marked as follows:

Revolutionary, Civil, Mexican, Spanish, World.

Following is a statement of the cost of the work done during the past season:

Appropriation		$500.00
Fred Marr, pay roll	$472.43	
Loam and dressing	27.57	
		$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED E. GOODWIN, Custodian Veterans' Graves.

Dec. 31, 1925.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

There were one hundred seventy-four (174) contagious cases reported during the year 1925.

Chicken Pox	6
Diphtheria	7
Scarlet Fever	11
Measles	132
Mumps	7
Tuberculosis	4
Typhoid Fever	1
Whooping Cough	5
Pneumonia	1
	174

Number of deaths	94
Male	40
Female	54
2 were over	90 years of age
20 were between	80 and 90 years
24 were between	70 and 80
14 were between	60 and 70
12 were between	50 and 60
3 were between	40 and 50
4 were between	30 and 40
3 were between	40 and 50
4 were between	30 and 40
2 were between	20 and 30
1 was between	10 and 20
3 were between	1 and 10
6 were under	1 year
3 were still births	

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HALLIGAN, M. D.
C. H. PLAYDON
C. F. ATKINSON
Board of Health.

Dec. 31, 1925.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1925:

Number of permits granted		157
Number of fixtures granted		649
Closets	142	
Bath tubs	125	
Lavatories	132	
Sinks	138	
Wash Trays	105	
Showers	4	
Drinking fountains	3	
		649

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID TAGGART, Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF DEMONSTRATION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

Reading, Mass., January 1, 1926.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report for the year 1925 and desire to thank the School Department, Municipal Light Department, Reading Grange, the teachers and volunteer workers in the Junior and Women's Department for courtesies and help extended and to the Editors of The Reading Chronicle for space given in The Chronicle.

An appropriation of $200.00 was made at the annual meeting in support of the Middlesex County Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics. The following is a report of the work done by this organization in Reading for the year 1925:

The agricultural work for the year was carried on in the town of Reading chiefly in the form of individual visits to farmers in an effort to help them solve their personal problems. These visits were concerned mainly with poultry and dairying problems.

In home economics two groups of women completed a series of meetings in millinery. Another group carried on a series of meetings on the subject of clothing; and still another group attended a series of meetings on food selection.

In the 4-H club activities 133 boys and girls were enrolled in the clothing, food, poultry, pig, calf, garden and canning clubs. Accomplishments were shown by an achievement program in the spring and by exhibits at the Reading Grange Fair. Club members also exhibited at the New England Fruit Show, Boston, and at the Boston Poultry Show. Norman Burns, Perry Philbrook and Virginia Harding were awarded the Two-Day Trip to the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Many of the fruit growers in the town profited by receiving the spray service postal cards which were sent out from time to time during the spray season. Judges were furnished for the Fair, judging agricultural as well as home economics exhibits.

In addition, several county-wide meetings, such as the County Picnic at Concord, the Annual Extension Service meeting at Waltham, meetings for fruit growers and poultrymen and Leaders' Training meetings for homemakers have been held during the year and were attended by many of the Reading people.

ROLLAND L. PERRY, Director.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS, 1925

To the Citizens of Reading:

We herewith submit our report on work under our jurisdiction during the year 1925:

Valuation of Taxable Real Estate:	
Buildings, excluding land	$ 8,148,650.00
Land, excluding buildings	3,600,655.00
Total Taxable Real Estate	$11,749,305.00
Taxable Personal Estate	1,534,680.00
Total Taxable Real and Personal Estate assessed April 1, 1925	$13,283.985.00
Building increase over 1924	665,720.00
Land increase over 1924	18,960.00
Personal increase over 1924	68,340.00
Total gain on Taxable Personal and Real Estate	$ 753,020.00
Tax on Real Estate	$ 396,540.95
Tax on Personal Estate	51,800.57
Tax on Polls	5,376.00
Tax on Real Estate for moth work	1,070.65
Total tax April 1, 1925	$ 454,788.17
Taxable Personal Estate assessed December, 1925	3,001.00
Taxable Real Estate assessed December, 1925	5,900.00
Additional Polls	10.00
Tax assessed as supplementary on Real Estate, December, 1925	199.13
Tax assessed as supplementary on Personal Estate, December, 1925	101.31
Total Taxable Personal Estate, 1925	1,537,681.00
Total Taxable Real Estate, 1925	11,755,205.00
Total Taxable Real and Personal Estate, 1925	$13,292,886.00
State Tax, 1925	$ 21,600.00
State Highway Tax, 1925	3,886.14
County Tax, 1925	16,452.40

Municipal Lighting Tax, 1925		76.23
Fire Prevention Tax, 1925		109.83
Metropolitan Sewerage Tax, 1925		11,155.84
Total State and County Tax, 1925	$	53,280.44
Total State and County Tax, 1924		42,620.87
Increase over 1924	$	10,659.57
Amount appropriated for Town Purposes	$	468,765.71
Amount to be paid for State Taxes		53,280.44
Amount of Overlay		4,671.37
Total assessments, 1925	$	526,717.52
Estimated receipts		73,000.00
	$	453,717.52
Less polls		5,376.00
Amount to be raised	$	448,341.52

Tax Rate for 1925, $33.75 per M.

Number of persons assessed on property April, 1925	3191
Number assessed for poll tax only	1158
Number assessed in December	8
Number additional polls	5
Total assessed on property in 1925	3196
Total assessed on polls only in 1925	1163
Total number separate assessments, 1925	4359
Polls assessed in 1925	2693
Polls assessed in 1924	2555
Increase in polls	138
Number of horses	124
Number of cows	241
Number of neat cattle	37
Number of swine	131
Number of fowls	15,577
Number of dwellings	2076
Number of acres of land	5751
Population of 1925	8693
Value of Town property	$ 982,640.00
Value of property exempt	510,695.00
Total non-taxable property	1,493,335.00
Total taxable property	13,292,886.00
Total valuation 1925	$14,786,221.00

Assessors' Report on the Survey of Land Under the Block System

We have now completed 60 plans which contain 2976 separate lots.

Balance from 1924		$ 69.40
Appropriated 1925		250.00
		$319.40

Expended

Davis & Abbott, correcting plans	$ 68.30	
Davis & Abbott, special plan	33.60	
Davis & Abbott, two plans	212.00	
		$313.90
Balance December 31, 1925		$5.50

We would advise that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) be appropriated the coming year that the work of the Block System be continued.

EDWARD B. EAMES
J. FRED RICHARDSON
ALVAH W. CLARK
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

The report appended of Superintendent of Cemeteries Alfred E. Goodwin covering in detail the work of the department, and approved by the Trustees, leaves nothing additional necessary to be said.

The terms of Chairman Galen A. Parker and Clarence C. White expire, and their associates are pleased to state they will be candidates for reelection.

Most respectfully,

GALEN A. PARKER, Chairman
PHILIP H. TIRRELL, Secretary
FRANK L. EDGERLEY
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY
CLARENCE C. WHITE
CHESTER P. EELES
Trustees of Cemeteries.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 31, 1925.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Laurel Hill Cemetery

Trustees of Cemeteries, Reading, Mass.:

Gentlemen:—I herewith present my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Construction, New Lots and Graves

In the early part of 1925 there were no single graves available for sale in the cemetery. Fortunately, several lot owners were willing to dispose of a part of their lots to those who did not care to buy a family lot. This made it necessary to finish a portion of the North Avenue section before the whole section had been dug over to remove the stones and boulders as was planned.

During the month of June we graded and seeded twenty-one graves, seven of which have since been sold.

There has also been enough new land graded and seeded to make twenty-six lots, which will be ready for sale when the corner markers and numbers are set. This will be done early in the spring.

A new avenue four hundred and eighty feet long has been made ready for the surface material with four hundred and fifty feet of water pipe laid to provide water for the new section.

Twelve large maple trees have been set out and are doing well.

Maintenance

The fences in places along the north side of the cemetery are falling to pieces and a fence is needed to enclose the land purchased from the Dexter Clapp estate. I think, however, that they can be patched up to last another season as the avenues are in very poor condition and should be re-surfaced. This work will require all the money that can be spared from the regular maintenance appropriation of 1926.

During the past year 1060 square yards of macadam surface has been added to Oak Avenue, making a continuous stretch of macadam road from the south gate on Main St., past the receiving tomb to the top of Locust Hill. This is a great improvement, as the old surface was always subject to washouts during storms.

I would recommend that this macadam surface be continued south to a point opposite the Soldiers' Monument during the coming year and, eventually, through to Lowell St.

Following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for 1925, a full report of which will appear in the Town Accountant's report:

Appropriation, March, 1925	$8,300.00	
Transferred from Bequest Fund	1,239.46	
Transferred from Veterans' Grave Account	500.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	2,719.64	
		$12,759.10
Expended:		
Charged to Cemetery Bequest Fund	$1,239.46	
Charged to Veterans' Grave Accounts	500.00	
Charged to Cemetery Reserve Fund	2,719.64	
Charged to Maintenance	4,827.25	
Charged to Annual Care	3,472.75	
		$12,759.10
Receipts:		
Annual Care charged 1924	$ 137.55	
Annual Care charged 1925	2,082.04	
Opening graves	980.00	
		$ 3,199.59

Balance outstanding December 31, 1925		
On 1924 charges	$ 36.50	
On 1925 charges	331.88	
		$ 368.38

Cemetery Reserve Fund

Balance in Cemetery Reserve Fund Jan. 1, 1925..	$1,631.71	
Sale of 29 lots and graves	2,739.00	
	$4,370.71	
Transferred to General Fund	$2,719.64	
Balance in Cemetery Reserve Fund Dec. 31, 1925		$ 1,651.07

Estimate for 1926

For Maintenance $4,700.00
$3,700 for regular maintenance and $1,000.00 for avenue repairs. Would also recommend transferring not over $1,000.00 from Cemetery Reserve Fund for this work, if necessary.

For Annual Care $3,600.00
This is for work for which the Town will be reimbursed by lot owners.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED E. GOODWIN, Superintendent.

Reading, Mass, Dec. 31, 1925.

Forest Glen Cemetery

Trustees of Cemeteries, Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:—In the 1924 report of the Trustees of Cemeteries brief mention was made of the difficulties encountered in developing new land for cemetery purposes.

In view of the many inquiries made by citizens of the town, regarding the work that has been done during the past season at Forest Glen, I would like to take this opportunity not only to report what has been done but also to explain the method of development adopted by the Trustees.

In laying out a new cemetery, many things have to be considered other than the actual grading and seeding of the various lots and graves, location being, perhaps, the most important.

It should be so situated that it can be reached by automobile every day in the year, if necessary. This means that it should be located near some main artery of travel to avoid excessive snow and mud. Forest Glen at

Forest Street being only 150 yards from the State Highway is well situated in that respect and should always be easy of access.

The character of the soil to the depth of at least five feet must be considered. If it is free from ledges and boulders, it can be made ready for burial purposes at a comparatively small expense. Reading, however, like many other New England towns, is underlaid with rock: so much so that it is hard to excavate even a cellar without encountering ledge or boulder. With these conditions, it is plain to be seen that the only practical way to overcome the difficulty is to excavate to the proper depth and remove the rock and add that expense to the price of the lot when sold. By so doing, a family lot can be sold with the assurance that every grave space in it is available for burial purposes, and will not later have to be abandoned in whole, or part, because of rock formation.

An area of 39,470 square feet of ground in the northeast corner of Forest Glen Cemetery, bounded on the north by Forest Street and on the east by Pearl Street, has been treated in this manner. This space when graded will make 71 eight-grave and 62 four-grave lots. These lots when graded and seeded are worth $21,950.00 if sold at the same price of lots in Laurel Hill. The total cost of developing these lots appears later in this report.

In modern cemeteries, all lots are sold with a guarantee that a certain amount per square foot shall be retained from the selling price and placed in a trust fund for the perpetual care of the lot and its immediate surroundings, the remainder going into the town treasury and may be used to develop new lots as needed. If the lot owners are compelled to provide care for all the lots, the lots should be provided with attractive surroundings.

The cemetery should be enclosed with a suitable fence, wall or hedge, and should be provided with well-built avenues, also a suitable drainage system, the care of which will eventually be paid for with the interest from the Trust Fund.

The Trustees having this in mind decided to build a wall, as most of the material was available on the property and the cost of maintenance being much less than for a fence or hedge.

Before building the wall, however, it was first necessary to submit a profile map of the cemetery land abutting on Pearl Street to the Town Board of Survey (Board of Public Works) as that part of Pearl Street had never been properly laid out, they in turn to establish a grade to which the street would eventually be built, the cemetery wall to be built to conform to the proposed street grade, and also to provide for a pipe line through the cemetery from a catch-basin to be built later by the Highway Department.

This change of grade was not anticipated by the Cemetery Department and added considerably to the cost as originally estimated, as it necessitated building the foundation for the wall from three to eight feet higher in places than the original plan called for, and also compelled us to

provide many yards of filling inside the wall that we could not afford to spare. However, this was unavoidable, and the Board of Survey co-operated with the Cemetery Department in every way possible. The change in grade also presented another problem that was unexpected. We not only had to provide drainage for the cemetery, but also for quite a section of Pearl Street and adjacent land.

The cost of laying a pipe line the whole length of the cemetery being prohibitive, the problem was finally solved by laying out the avenue in such a way that by excavating it to the depth of five feet, and using the earth for filling, which we were badly in need of, we had a place to dispose of the rock which was removed from the lots.

We now have the best possible foundation for an avenue which is also a blind drain, eighteen feet wide and five feet deep, with a fall of one foot to a hundred feet and which will provide ample drainage for all time.

Although it is not in the section that is now being developed, there is one obstruction to this drainage system that should be removed during the coming season. It is a narrow, wedge-shaped ledge that diverts the water from the line of what will, eventually, be a continuation of the avenue now under construction. This should be blasted before monuments are erected, as the cost will be much less now than later on.

In conclusion, I will say that the original plan was to complete in 1925 building the wall on the Forest Street side, and about one-half of the Pearl Street side, but as the contract price for excavating and removing the rock was so low the Trustees deemed it advisable to take advantage of it and build the wall later.

Following is an estimate of the cost of finishing the section now under construction:

Financial Report Forest Glen Cemetery, 1925

Expended for wall construction	$1,874.05	
Expended for stripping loam	1,055.91	
Expended for excavating	7,455.13	
Expended for engineering	527.22	
		$10,910.31

Appropriations:

Balance December 31, 1924	910.31	
March, 1925	10,000.00	
		$10,910.31

A detailed account of the expenditures will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Forest Glen Cemetery 1926

Estimated cost of completing work started during the season of 1925:

Grading		
Preparing sub grade for loam	$ 228.00	
Hauling, spreading and rolling loam	1,815.00	
Land lime	100.00	
Dressing	240.00	
Lawn seed	96.00	
		$ 2,479.00
Wall		
Contractor's estimate		1,500.00
Avenue		
Hauling gravel for sub grade	$ 200.00	
Macadam surface (done by Highway Dept.)	630.00	
		830.00
Trees and Shrubs		
Trees (25), shrubs (500), vines (100)	$ 400.00	
Labor, setting	75.00	
		475.00
Water Pipe		
240 feet "Byers" 2 inch galvanized iron pipe	$ 105.00	
Labor, laying pipe	36.00	
		141.00
Lot Corner Markers		
Labor and material, making and setting		120.00
Ledge		
Drilling, blasting and testing for depth		500.00
Engineering		300.00
Contingencies		455.00
		$6,800.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED E. GOODWIN, Superintendent.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of Reading:

The several departments under the direct control of the Board of Public Works have functioned in a manner which we believe has been to the best interest of the town and to the taxpayers.

The policies determined upon by the Board have been carried out under the able supervision of our superintendent and the details covering the activities of the several departments are fully described in reports which follow.

We earnestly desire every citizen to read carefully each section, in order that all may fully understand what has been accomplished and what the Board desires to accomplish in bettering the condition of the streets and sidewalks, and improving the drainage conditions.

We recommend that the same sum be appropriated for the Highway Department in 1926 as was expended in 1925, in order that a certain amount of improved street surface may be laid down, together with the necessary maintenance work on the balance of the streets and sidewalks.

A short section of sidewalk has been laid down on the east side of the Square in front of the Mechanics Savings Bank, where none previously existed. This was done at the request of the directors of the bank, the usual proportion of the cost being paid by the owners of the adjacent property.

The Board recommends that the granite curbstone from near Pleasant St., to and across Haven St. extension, on the east side of the Square, be set back, and the 15 ft. sidewalk be narrowed to 8 ft., thereby adding 7 ft. to the north bound roadway between Haven and Pleasant Sts.

There has been a marked improvement in the use made of the sewers. Many additional connections have been made, but we must again urge connecting of property abutting on sewers where laid, as a duty which is due the community.

Although a cesspool may be causing no trouble, nevertheless the continued use of cesspools in any locality results in contamination of the surrounding areas and may at any time become a serious menace to the health of the community.

The cost of sewer extensions made during the year as well as all maintenance charges have been paid out of receipts from betterment assessments and from the rentals.

The Water Department is also self-supporting, and all the extensions, with the exception of Libby Ave., have been made from the receipts. There are many miles of 1 1-4" pipe in the streets which cannot give satisfactory service and in many of these locations will need to be replaced by 6" pipe the coming season.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH W. BOOTH
FRANK C. CARTER
MILES C. HIGGINS, Sec'y
WILLIAM S. KINSLEY
JOHN W. OWEN, Chairman

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an Act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the fifth annual report of the Department of Public Works, (Water, Highway, Sewer and Park) including a financial report of each department, and a chronicle of the principal work performed with recommendations for the coming year.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Account

Receipts:

Cash Balance 1925	$ 359.88
Meter Rates	37,440.05
Hydrant Rental	6,685.00
Service Pipe Construction	2,228.22
Service Pipe Maintenance	514.59
Rent of House and Sundries	180.00
Water for Drinking Fountains	100.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	48.43
Fines	36.20
Summonses	8.00
Total	$ 47,600.37

Expenditures:

1. Office Maintenance:

Pay Roll	$ 945.92	
Telephone	56.11	
Office Supplies	168.91	
Office Repairs	34.97	
Printing	139.03	
Insurance	335.94	
Bond	7.50	
Miscellaneous	141.76	
Refunds	12.10	
Total		$ 1,842.24

2.	Pumping Station Maintenance:		
	Pay Roll	$ 3,579.06	
	Coal	1,546.92	
	Oil, Waste and Packing	178.33	
	Telephone	78.97	
	Light	7.58	
	Freight and Express	556.15	
	General Repairs	35.69	
	Boiler, Repairs	230.61	
	Pumps, Repairs	116.15	
	Miscellaneous	156.51	
	Overtime Pumping Station	602.07	
	Total		$ 7,088.04
3.	Maintenance of Filters:		
	Pay Roll	$ 2,295.41	
	Electric Power	478.92	
	Alumina	479.33	
	Lime	320.00	
	Freight and Express	64.00	
	Repairs, Miscellaneous	40.33	
	Total		$ 3,677.99
4.	Maintenance of Meters:		
	Pay Roll	$ 966.11	
	Supplies	253.92	
	Repairs at Factory	199.70	
	Freight and Express	37.38	
	Total		$ 1,457.11
5.	Maintenance of Service Pipes:		
	Pay Roll	$ 1,161.97	
	Tools	1.25	
	Supplies	182.26	
	Freight and Express	2.62	
	Total		$ 1,348.10
6.	Maintenance of Main Pipes:		
	Pay Roll	$ 140.44	
	Freight and Express	7.47	
	Supplies	43.51	
	Miscellaneous	10.59	
	Total		$ 202.01

7.	Bonds:		
	Maturing Bonds Paid		$12,000.00
8.	Bond Interest Paid		$ 2,847.50
9.	Air Compressor Maintenance:		
	Electric Power	$ 2,047.48	
	Repairs	17.24	
	Total		$ 2,064.72
10.	Automobile Truck Maintenance:		
	Registration	$ 2.00	
	Oil and Gasoline	87.60	
	Repairs	210.14	
	Insurance	37.00	
	Total		$ 336.74
11.	Shop Maintenance:		
	Pay Roll	$ 116.94	
	Municipal Light Board	1.22	
	Telephone	31.33	
	Repairs	19.59	
	Miscellaneous Supplies	9.38	
	Total		$ 178.46
12.	Main Pipe Construction:		
	Pay Roll	$ 1,459.13	
	Supplies	75.67	
	Pipe	199.70	
	Freight and Express	3.80	
	Miscellaneous	77.00	
	Total		$ 1,815.30
13.	Service Pipe Construction:		
	Pay Roll	$ 3,013.17	
	Freight and Express	60.10	
	Supplies	2,991.65	
	Tools	124.28	
	Miscellaneous	151.56	
	Total		$ 6,340.76
14.	Meter Construction:		
	Meters	$ 1,299.63	
	Freight and Express	4.32	
	Total		$ 1,303.95

15. Hydrants:			
Pay Roll	$ 554.89		
Repairs	105.00		
Tools	525.01		
Fittings	710.00		
Freight and Express	15.45		
Miscellaneous	461.53		
Total		$ 2,371.88	
16. Drinking Fountains:			
Repairs		$ 00.00	
Grand Total Expenditures			$ 44,874.80
Balance Cash on Hand			$ 2,725.57
Construction Account:			
Voted in March Town Meeting, 1925:			
Construction of Libby Ave. Water Main			$ 6,000.00
Construction of Forest St. Water Main			14,000.00
Premium and accrued interest on bonds			132.89
			$ 20,132.89
Expenditures of the above Appropriations:			
Libby Avenue Water Main:			
Expenditures:			
Pay Roll	$ 1,661.49		
Pipe	2,161.50		
Hydrants	234.32		
Lead	194.02		
Fittings and Supplies	186.49		
Freight and Express	183.77		
Tools	99.15		
Trucking	44.53		
Bonds	33.30		
Releases	6.00		
Total		$ 4,804.57	
Forest St. Water Main:			
Expenditures:			
Pay Roll	$ 195.94		
Pipe	5,043.61		

Freight and Express	523.50		
Hydrants	468.64		
Lead	440.15		
Supplies and Fittings	206.00		
Bonds	77.70		
Miscellaneous	.88		
Total		$ 6,956.42	
Total Expenditures		$11,760.99	
Unexpended Balances		8,371.90	
			$ 20,132.89
Cost of Plant:			
Reported past years:			$426,249.94
Expended 1925:			
Maintenance Acct. Main Extensions	$ 1,815.30		
Libby Avenue Water Main	4,804.58		
Forest Street Water Main	6,956.42		
Service Pipe Construction	6,340.76		
Hydrants	2,371.88		
Meters	1,303.95		
			$ 23,592.88
Total to date			$449,842.82

The interest for the year 1925 on serial bonds amounted to $2,847.50, as follows:

June 1, 1925, $47,000 bonds for six months at 4% $940.00
(Pd. $11,000)

June 1, 1925, $18,000 bonds for six months at 4½% 405.00
(Pd. $1,000)

Nov. 1, 1925, $20,000 bonds for six months at 4% 400.00

Dec. 1, 1925, $36,000 bonds for six months at 4% 720.00

Dec. 1, 1925, $17,000 bonds for six months at 4½% 382.50

There were $11,000 in bonds at 4% and a $1,000 bond at 4½% paid in 1925.

The interest for the year 1926 on serial bonds amounts to $2,822.50, as follows:

May 1,1926,	$20,000 bonds for six months at 4% ..... (Due $2,000.00)	$400.00
June 1, 1926,	$36,000 bonds for six months at 4% ..... (Due $6,000.00)	720.00
June 1, 1926,	$17,000 bonds for six months at 4½% ..... (Due $1,000.00)	382.50
Nov. 1, 1926,	$18,000 bonds for six months at 4%	360.00
Dec. 1, 1926,	$30,000 bonds for six months at 4%	600.00
Dec. 1, 1926	$16,000 bonds for six months at 4½%	360.00

There are $8,000 in bonds at 4% and a $1,000 bond at 4½% payable in 1926.

The Superintendent recommends that $7,035.00 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental; that $100.00 be raised and appropriated for water and drinking fountains.

REGISTRATION REPORT

Amount of bills (metered water) rendered in 1925		$37,675.25
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	$37,440.05	
Amount uncollected	.00	
Amount abated	235.20	
	$37,675.25	$37,675.25
Amount of bills (metered water) of previous years uncollected		.00
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	.00	
Amount uncollected	.00	
Amount abated	.00	
	.00	.00
Amount of Service Pipe Construction Bills rendered in 1925		$ 2,361.62
Amount of bills of previous years uncollected		105.72
		$ 2,467.34
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	$ 2,228.22	
Amount uncollected	239.12	
	$ 2,467.34	
Amount of Service Pipe Maintenance Bills rendered in 1925		$ 522.52
Amount of bills of previous years uncollected		.00
		$ 522.52
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	$ 514.59	
Amount uncollected	7.93	
	$ 522.52	

COMPARISON OF THIS YEAR'S TOTAL BILLS TO CONSUMER WITH PAST YEARS

	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Paid	$18,881.63	$20,107.94	$24,416.81	$24,815.11	$27,139.55	$31,630.56	$30,777.08	$34,753.71	$37,357.23	$40,182.86
Abated	183.85	145.31	570.72	561.43	425.25	526.32	511.91	362.73	.00	235.20
Unpaid	2,906.40	3,322.23	4,340.50	2,423.81	2,604.63	1,044.28	663.31	211.49	105.72	247.05
	$21,971.88	$23,575.48	$29,328.03	$27,800.35	$30,169.43	$33,201.16	$31,952.30	$35,327.93	$37,462.95	$40,665.11

PER CENT OF ABOVE COMPARISONS

Paid	86	86	83	89	90	95	96	98	99.7	98.8
Abated	.84	.62	1.94	2.01	1.41	1.58	1.6	1.02	.0	.5
Unpaid	13.16	13.38	15.06	8.99	8.59	3.42	2.4	.98	.3	.7
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

EXPENDITURES			RECEIPTS		
Water Works Maintenance:			Balance brought forward from 1924 .		$ 359.88
Total maintenance	$ 6,451.66		From meter rates	$37,440.05	
Interest on bonds	2,847.50		Total from consumers		37,440.05
Payment of bonds	12,000.00		For fountains	100.00	
		$21,299.16	For hydrants	6,685.00	
Water Works Construction:			Total from municipal departments ..		6,785.00
Extension of mains	$13,580.29		Rents, interest, etc.		272.63
Extension of services	6,319.52		Service pipes		2,742.81
Extension of meters	1,303.95				
New supply of hydrants	2,371.88				
Total construction		$23,575.64			
Balance		2,725.57			
Total		$47,600.37	Total		$47,600.37

RAINFALL

The average rainfall for Massachusetts as deduced by the State Department of Health from long continued observation in various parts of the State is 44.54 inches.

As may be seen by a table in this report showing the amount of rainfall for the years 1900 to 1925 inclusive, the average rainfall at the Reading Pumping Station is 41.36 inches. The rainfall this past year was a deficiency of 3.18 inches compared with the State observations and an excess of 5.13 inches for the Pumping Station. There was an excess of rainfall in the months of January, March, June, October, November and December of 11.38 inches and a deficiency in the other months of 6.25 inches, comparing each month with an average rainfall between the years 1900-1925 inclusively.

The greatest rainfall in any one day was on January 29th, 1.87 inches.

The elevation of the Reading Pumping Station is approximately 80 feet above sea level.

Month	Normal Rainfall (Inches)	Rainfall in 1925 (Inches)	Excess or Deficiency in 1925 (Inches)
December	3.54	5.53	+1.99
January	3.42	4.28	+ .86
February	3.41	2.14	—1.27
March	3.73	7.66	+3.93
April	4.14	2.95	—1.19
May	3.09	2.05	—1.04
June	3.68	5.62	+1.94
July	3.58	3.13	— .45
August	3.25	2.37	— .88
September	3.58	2.16	—1.42
October	2.71	4.66	+1.95
November	3.23	3.94	+ .71

KINDS AND SIZES OF METERS IN USE

January 1, 1926

	Make	Sizes						
		⅝ in.	¾ in.	1 in.	1¼ in.	1½ in.	2 in.	Total
1	Federal	1						1
2	Niagara	1					1	2
3	Gem	5						5
4	Keystone	1			8			9
5	Pittsburg	14					1	15
6	Thompson	18		1				19
7	Worthington	25	1				1	27
8	Columbia	30						30
9	Union	32		2		1	3	38
10	Lambert	41		2				43
11	Gamon	63		2				65
12	Crown	74	2	2		2	7	87
13	Neptune	115						115
14	Hersey	235	4	13		7	2	261
15	Empire	276		3				279
16	Nash	1050	13	12		5	2	1082
	Total	1981	20	37	8	15	17	2078

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

From Jan. 1, 1925, to Jan. 1, 1926

Month	No. Days	Hrs.	Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head	Pounds Coal	Gals. to Lbs Coal	Rainfall
January	31	294	00	9,817,481	219	57,378	171	4.28
February	28	255	00	8,409,131	219	50,336	167	2.14
March	31	263	30	8,729,930	219	52,188	167	7.66
April	30	282	15	9,374,722	219	52,144	180	2.95
May	31	298	45	9,891,396	219	56,669	174	2.05
June	30	333	45	11,492,995	219	63,084	182	5.62
July	31	329	15	11,219,056	219	58,842	191	3.13
August	31	328	45	11,295,468	219	57,516	196	2.37
September	30	323	00	10,698,530	219	56,674	189	2.16
October	31	300	15	10,387,691	219	55,129	188	4.66
November	30	270	00	9,382,329	219	53,052	177	3.94
December	31	276	00	9,413,440	219	54,713	172	5.53
Totals	365	3554	30	120,112,169	219	667,725	180	46.49

TABLE SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW

FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1925

Day of Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Day of Month
1			.55			.09						.44	1
2	.03	.04								.32		.50	2
3	.01	.01						.03	.72	.40		1.59	3
4	T	T					.75	T	.18	.08		1.23	4
5			1.62		.03		.06	.54		.95	.19	.28	5
6			.08					.03	.15				6
7							.13		.37	T			7
8								T			.50		8
9		T					.10	.67		.86			9
10		.12		.28	.06	.87		.26		.10			10
11	.01	.72	.29	.02	.11							.03	11
12	.64	.52		.29							1.58	T	12
13			.33					.17	.06		.03		13
14			.18	.37	.16	.30		.65	.09	.45			14
15		.45		.48	.09	.88	.04		.40		.67		15
16	.71				.11	.01	.06		.11	.24	T		16
17		.02	.42			.04	.06		T				17
18			.49			.01							18
19	.02		.79	1.35						T			19
20	.71					.51						.60	20
21							T	.02				.52	21
22		.05			.03	.08	.24				.43	.19	22
23		.05			.11	T					.05	.02	23
24					.35					.57			24
25		T	.08	.08	.15	.72	.78			.58		.13	25
26		.16					.20				T		26
27	.28					.05	.29		.08		.49		27
28			.93			.95	.02			.11			28
29	1.87		1.75	.02	.34	1.09							29
30			.15	.06	.20						T		30
31					.31		.40						31
Total	4.28	2.14	7.66	2.95	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	Total
T to D	4.28	6.42	14 08	17.03	19.08	24.70	27.83	30 20	32.36	37.02	40.96	46.49	T to D

RAINFALL AT PUMPING STATION

1900—1925

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1900	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.91	0.99	5.60	44.77
1903	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	0.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	44.44
1904	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.60	44.97
1908	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.58	3.09	4.07	0.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	2.14	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	40.10
1910	4.54	3.14	1.58	2.32	1.19	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911	2.25	2.94	3.12	1.89	0.67	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.94	2.91	4.14	3.57	36.45
1912	2.68	2.42	5.04	4.05	5.73	0.29	6.44	2.02	3.02	1.45	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	3.45	0.93	1.68	3.48	3.66	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	2.76	1.44	2.34	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915	5.52	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	4.60	8.76	6.66	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916	1.22	5.37	3.37	5.14	4.59	5.86	3.13	2.30	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.91	39.95
1917	2.92	2.41	4.18	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	3.04	2.99	2.81	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02
1919	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.44	0.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922	1.77	2.72	4.27	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.88	3.29	3.68	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.79	1.98	3.17	.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.30
1924	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.53	2.70	4.80	7.95	.05	2.56	1.52	37.49
1925	4.28	2.14	7.66	2.95	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
Average	3.42	3.41	3.73	4.14	3.09	3.68	3.58	3.25	3.58	2.71	3.23	3.54	41.36

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

Water Analysis—(Parts in 100,000)

No.	Date of Collection	Appearance			Residue on Evaporation	Ammonia		Chlorine	Nitrogen as		Hardness	Iron	Remarks
		Turbidity	Sediment	Color		Free	Total		Nitrates	Nitrites			
	1924												
179844	Nov. 20	Distinct iron	Considerable	.40	11.70	.0202	.0070	1.48	.0080	.0000	3.5	.240	Filter Gallery
179845	Nov. 20	None	None	.20	18.60	.0004	.0046	1.26	.0060	.0001	7.9	.047	Filter Weir
	1925												
180753	Jan. 18	Very slight	Considerable	.47	11.80	.0276	0100	1.54	0120	.0000	4.3	.290	Filter Gallery
180755	Jan. 18	Very slight	None	.20	17.50	.0014	.0054	1.22	.0060	.0000	8.0	.043	Tap in Boiler R'm
181640	Mch. 21	Very slight	Considerable	.35	8.80	.0110	.0136	.92	.0070	.0000	2.7	.165	Filter Gallery
181642	Mch. 21	Very slight	None	.20	15.50	.0014	.0080	.96	.0080	.0005	7.9	.048	Tap on Pumps
182600	May 13	Very slight	None	.28	16.90	.0004	.0074	.73	.0040	.0000	7.3	.065	Tap on Pumps
182629	May 22	Very slight	Considerable	.90	9.40	.0104	.0142	.90	.0070	.0000	2.5	.155	Filter Gallery
183891	July 22	Very slight	Considerable	.95	9.90	.0144	.0146	1.32	.0060	.0000	2.5	.180	Filter Gallery
183893	July 22	Very slight	None	.43	21.50	.0004	.0068	1.06	.0050	.0000	9.4	.080	Main Pump
181641	Mch. 21	Very slight	None	.20	16.50	.0012	.0062	.94	.0080	.0004	7.3	.055	Filter Gallery
182630	May 22	Very slight	None	.43	17.90	.0000	.0092	.88	.0040	.0000	9.7	.055	Filter Gallery
183892	July 22	None	None	.40	19.60	.0000	.0098	1.28	.0050	.0000	13.2	.010	Filter Gallery
180754	Jan. 18	Very slight	None	.22	17.30	.0024	.0034	1.22	.0050	.0001	8.3	.056	Filter Gallery
180752	Jan. 18	Very slight	Slight	.45	10.30	.0404	.0148	1.68			2.7	.069	Ipswich River
181639	Mch. 21	Very slight	None	1.00	5.40	.0050	.0218	.43			1.6	.018	Ipswich River
182599	May 19	Very slight	Slight	1 48	7.30	.0100	.0316	.88			1.8	.095	Ipswich River
183890	July 22	Very Slight	Slight	1.00	9.70	.0128	.0196	1.48			1.7	.110	Ipswich River

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

For Year Ending December 31, 1925

Reading Water Department,

Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

General Statistics

Population by census of 1920: 7424.

Date of construction: 1890 and 1891.

By whom owned: Town of Reading.

Sources of supply: Filter gallery and artesian wells.

Mode of supply: (Whether gravity or pumping): Pumping.

Pumping Statistics

Builders of Pumping Machinery: Sullivan Mch. Co., Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co., and Platt Iron Works.

Description of fuel used:

Kind: Coal.

Brand of coal: New River.

Average price of coal per net ton delivered: $9.24.

Percentage of ash:

Wood, price per cord:

Coal consumed for the year: 667,725 lbs.

Total pumpage for the year: 120,112,169 gallons with allowance for slip.

Average static head against which pumps work: 219.

Average dynamic head against which pumps work: 240.

Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal: 180.00.

$$\text{Duty equals: } \frac{\text{Gallons pumped x 8.34 (lbs) x 100 x dynamic head (240)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed}}$$

Equals 36,005,319.1 including heating.

Cost of pumping, figured on Pumping Station expenses including filtration, viz: $10,766.03.

Per million gallons pumped: $89.63.

Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic): $.37.

DISPOSITION OF BALANCE—Carried to New Account

Net cost of works to date:	$449,842.83
Bonded debt to date	$ 73,000.00

Cost of supplying water per million gallons on total maintenance of Pumping Station and Filter: $89.63.

Total cost of supplying water per million gallons figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds: $176.02.

Statistics Relating to Distributing Mains

Kind of pipe: Cast iron.
Sizes: From 6 inches to 12 inches.
Extended: 3189 feet during year of six-inch pipe.
Total now in use: 3510 miles.
Cost of repair per mile: $5.75.
Length of pipe less than 4 inches in diameter: 1 mile.
Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use: 215.
Number of stop gates added during the year: 15 on hydrants.
Number of stop gates now in use: 325.
Number of stop gates smaller than 4 inch: 0.
Number of blow-offs: 14.
Range of pressure on mains: 45 lbs. to 90 lbs.

Services:
Kind of pipe: Cast iron, galvanized iron, lead and cement lined.
Sizes: ¾ to 6 inches:
Extended: 6075.91 feet.
Discontinued: 0 feet.
Total now in use: 30.72 miles.
Number of service taps added during the year: 110.
Number now in use: 2127.
Average length of service, 1925: 55.24.
Average cost of service, 1925: $57.70.

Meters:
Number of meters added: 103.
Number now in use: 2078.
Percentage of services metered: 98.
Number of motors and elevators added: 0.
Number now in use: 0.

WATER DEPARTMENT

General Maintenance and Construction

Pumping Station

The following repairs were done at the Pumping Station other than minor repairs:

1. The filters have been cleaned.
2. The clear well washed and cleaned twice during the year.
3. A new belt to the upper lime rig has been installed.
4. A new flue and roof to the chimney between the station and the stack have been erected.
5. A new unloader has replaced the old one on the air compressor.
6. No. 2 Blake pump has been restudded on the steam end.
7. No. 1 boiler rebricked with new check and arch plates.
8. Set of Tripp metallic packing installed on the air compressor.

For the coming year, other than minor repairs, would recommend the following:

1. No. 1 boiler rebricked with new arch plates.
2. New set of rings for the H. P. cylinder for No. 1 Blake pump.
3. New set of water rings to No. 2 Blake pump.
4. Either shingle or tar paper north side of store house roof.
5. Repair gutters to the Pumping Station.

General Maintenance and Construction

1. One hundred and ten water services have been constructed during the year, which is an increase of thirty-one over last year. The average length of these services is approximately 55.24 feet, and their total linear length amounts to 6075.91 feet.

Since 1893 when one hundred and twenty-four services were constructed, the Department has not put in as many water services as they have this year.

2. One hundred and four new meters of different sizes have been bought, and three hundred and twenty-five have been tested, repaired, cleaned and reset during the year.

3. On account of the delay in the laying out of Forest Street by the County Commissioners, it was not possible to install the 6″ water main this year, and a temporary service of 1¼″ pipe was laid on the surface for a distance of about 2400 feet. This has been removed on account of cold weather. The materials necessary for the 6″ main are either ordered or are on hand and the work of laying the main will be undertaken as early in 1926 as conditions will permit.

4. Ninety-nine service pipe repair jobs have been attended to during the year.

5. The stand-pipe was cleaned and washed out inside.

6. The distributing mains have been extended on 26 different streets in town. The most important of these were the construction of 2040 feet of six inch main in Libby Avenue, with 812 feet of 1¼ inch laterals feeding 24 houses. The replacing of the 1¼ inch main in Park Street off Auburn with a 6″ main; extending the 8″ main on Lowell Street from Deering Street easterly, and the 6″ water main on West Street to Cottage Park Road. The total linear feet of water main extensions for the year amounts to 7490.70 feet.

7. All hydrants have been inspected and put in proper condition. Five have been replaced at the following locations:

Hartshorn Street, front of No. 18.
Haverhill Street, North corner Wakefield Street.
Lowell Street, East corner Bancroft Avenue.
Woodward Avenue, Junction of Vale Road.
Summer Avenue, corner King Street.

Ten hydrants have been set at the following new locations:

High Street, South of Green Street.
Salem Street, Junction of Libby Avenue.
Libby Avenue, Junction of C. Street.
Libby Avenue, Junction of F. Street.
Park Street, S. E. corner Elm Street.
West Street, opposite Cottage Park Road.
Prescott Street, opposite Sunnyside Road.
Bancroft Avenue, West side, between Middlesex Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street.
Green Street, Junction of Eaton Street.
Pleasant Street, Junction of Manning Street.

Other work of minor importance has been done, such as the repairing of meter boxes, putting on new shut-offs in cellars, cleaning and repairing of shut-off boxes, repairing leaks, etc.

A new large tapping machine has replaced the one the Department has had for over 20 years and also a small tapping machine used on 1¼″ mains. The latter will relieve further shutting off of the mains when new services are desired.

The number of new meters which the Department will need in 1926 will depend upon building operations. Approximately $1,000.00 ought to cover the meters needed as dwellings are ready for them.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—The following is the yearly report of the Highway Department:

Appropriations and Balances:

Voted in March Town Meeting, 1925:			
1.	Highway Maint. and Const.	$60,000.00	
2.	Removal of Snow and Ice	5,000.00	
3.	Cleaning Drainage Ditches	3,000.00	
4.	Const. of John St. Drain	15,000.00	
	Total		$ 83,000.00
Unexpended Balances From Previous Appropriations:			
5.	Survey and Plans for Special Drainage	$ 1,000.00	
6.	North Main Street Sidewalk	175.06	
7.	South Street re-surfacing	96.38	
8.	Establishment of Building Lines	819.88	
	Total		2,091.32
	Total Appropriations and Balances		$ 85,091.32

Expenditures and Balances of the Above Appropriations:

1.	Highway Maint. and Const.		$ 60,000.00
	Refund		.50
	Total		$ 60,000.50

Pay Roll Distribution:

1.	General	$ 3,530.62
2.	Maintenance	8,431.11
3.	Catch Basins	422.36
4.	Gutters	579.04
5.	Drains and Culverts	340.79
6.	K. P. Patching	1,837.57
7.	Repairs to Equipment	480.98
8.	Shop	29.73
8.	Burning Leaves	132.34
10.	Crushing Stone	111.61
11.	Cutting Brush	636.57
12.	Sidewalks	310.34

13. Sand Pit	104.55		
14. Miscellaneous	178.32		
Total		$17,125 93	
Purchases:			
1. General Repairs	$ 4,481.45		
2. Tools and Supplies	920.87		
3. Oil and Gasoline	1,270.96		
4. Asphalt Oil	2,212.74		
5. Signs	83.03		
6. Auto Registration	14.00		
7. Tarvia B	7,578.25		
8. Tarvia X	4,513.75		
9. Tarvia K. P.	346.57		
10. Crushed Stone	4,680.47		
11. Curbing	1,440.78		
12. Freight and Express	384.49		
13. Sidewalk Construction	1,612.25		
14. Municipal Light Dept.	55.61		
15. Telephone	64.96		
16. Printing	29.34		
17. Coal	88.88		
18. Office Supplies	370.10		
19. Labor	8,994.94		
20. Miscellaneous	3,730.02		
Total		$42,873 46	
Grand Total			$ 59,999.39
Balance Unexpended			$ 1.11
2. Appropriation for the Removal of Snow and Ice:			$ 5,000.00
Expended:			
1. Pay Roll	$ 2,107.41		
2. Cost of Snow Plowing	883.40		
3. Repairs to Equipment	131.94		
4. Gasoline and Oil	158.55		
5. Freight and Express	43.91		
6. Tools and Supplies	1,293.53		
7. Miscellaneous	7.20		
Total			$ 4,625.94
Balance unexpended			$ 374.06

3.	Appropriation for Cleaning Drainage Ditches:		$ 3,000.00
	Expended:		
	1. Pay Roll	$ 749.40	
	2. Supplies	2,020.15	
	Total		$ 2,769.55
	Balance unexpended ..		$ 230.45
4.	Appropriation for John St. Drain		$ 15,000.00
	Expended:		
	1. Engineering	$ 1,144.42	
	2. Contractor	12,316.83	
	3. Supplies	169.92	
	4. Miscellaneous	597.09	
	Total		$ 14,228.26
	Balance unexpended ..		$ 771.74
5.	Appropriation for Survey and Plans for Special Drainage		$ 1,000.00
	Expended:		
	No expenditures in 1925		$ 000.00
	Balance unexpended ..		$ 1,000.00
6.	Balance to be spent on Sidewalk No. Main Street		$ 175.06
	Expended:		
	1. Pay Roll	$ 94.95	
	2. Supplies	80.11	
	Total		$ 175.06
	Balance unexpended ..		$ 000.00
7.	Balance to be spent on South St.		$ 96.38
	Expended:		
	No expenditures in 1925		$ 000.00
	Balance unexpended ..		$ 96.38
8.	Appropriation for Building Lines		$ 819.88
	Expended:		
	Bills		$ 100.00
	Balance unexpended ..		$ 719.88

TOTALS

Items	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance	Balance carried forward to 1926
1.	$60,000.50	$59,999.39	$ 1.11	
2.	5,000.00	4,625.94	374.06	
3.	3,000.00	2,769.55	230.45	
4.	15,000.00	14,228.26	771.74	771.74
5.	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
6.	175.06	175.06		
7.	96.38		96.38	96.38
8.	819.88	100.00	719.88	719.88
Totals	$85,091.82	$81,898.20	$3,193.62	$2,588.00

The principal work performed by the Highway Department this last year may be divided into four sections: namely, Snow and Ice, Maintenance, Construction and Drainage.

SNOW AND ICE:

Acting in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 482 of the Acts of 1923, the State Dept. of Public Works loaned to the Highway Dept. a F. W. D. truck for the purpose of keeping Main Street clear of snow, from the Stoneham line to the North Reading line. This act states that the town in which a state highway lies shall at its own expense keep such highways sufficiently clear of snow and ice to be reasonably safe for travel. Not only did it take the State's truck to cope with some of the storms which we had, to keep clear even No. Main Street, but both of the Department's trucks. The daily progress reports kept in the office of the Board of Public Works show that on Jan. 20th, this added work of the Department kept two trucks running 24 hours, the other 12 hours; and on Jan. 30th, the notation is, that truck No. 1 and truck No. 2, with the state truck, worked from 8 A.M. Thursday till 5 P.M. Friday, total hours, 99, or, 33 consecutive hours per truck. The Board realizing the magnitude of this work, that is to say, trying to keep open approximately 50 miles of streets with three trucks and two tractors, hired a five-ton Mack truck to do Prescott Street and Summer Avenue, and all streets between Prescott and Main Streets. This greatly helped the Department. As soon as the streets were plowed, cross-walks had to be shoveled, catch basins cleared, and the snow removed from the square.

When the men were not needed on the above work they were occupied in the overhauling and painting of the maintenance equipment, the mending of sidewalk snow-plows, the brushing out of out-lying streets, the cleaning of ditches and culverts, patching of road surfaces, painting of street signs, etc. This work kept the Department busy during the first three months of the year.

MAINTENANCE WORK:

Gutters and catch-basins were cleaned, constant K. P. Patching was carried on, the dragging of outlying streets, and the filling in of mud-holes with cinders that the Department bought from the Boston & Maine R.R. Although the Department obtained fifteen carloads of cinders, it was not nearly enough to cover this latter work. Streets which had not in the past been treated with road surfacing material were extremely muddy. The bulk of the above cinders was put on Forest Street, Eaton Street, Orange Street, Belmont Street, Cross Street, Curtis Street, Franklin Street, Scotland Road, and Sigsbee Avenue. The Superintendent would recommend that the same method of repairing streets be continued in 1926.

The Department resurfaced a section of roadway in the cemetery at the request and expense of the Cemetery Department.

Following this work, the general street maintenance was started. The section lying north of Salem Street, from Harrison Street to Winter, being the first to receive attention. Following the completion of this section, similar work was done in other sections of the town. During the course of the season, 61,650 gallons of Tarvia "B" were applied with 370 loads of sand for covering. Six hundred and nine gallons of 45% asphalt oil were laid on King Street, after it had been shaped to prevent dusting, before the permanent macadam could be laid. The above application covered an approximate area of 282,726 sq. yds. at an average of a gallon applied to every four square yards.

The above application of this maintenance work, by no means covered all the streets in town. Roughly speaking, we have an approximate area of maintenance work of 705,652 square yards, which would require around 160,000 gallons of Tarvia "B" at a cost of $20,000, with an additional labor charge of $10,000, to prepare the streets before the material is applied and to cover it with sand.

CONSTRUCTION:

Bituminous macadam surface has been laid on the following locations: Salem Street, at the junction of Spring Street; Lowell Street, south side from near Linden Street to Woburn Street; Woburn Street, between High and Chute Streets; Bancroft Avenue, between Woburn Street and Mt. Vernon Street; Mt. Vernon Street, between Bancroft Avenue and Chute Street; High Street, between Green and Washington Streets; West Street, north shoulder from Woburn Street, to Mr. Lewis' estate and King Street, between Summer Avenue and Prospect Street. The total amount of work covered being 25,640 sq. yds. at an average cost of $.95 per sq. yd. The aggregate amount of materials used was 33,990 gallons of Tarvia "X", 13,600 gallons of Bermudez Asphalt and 3700 gallons of Texas Asphalt, with 3058.80 tons of different grades of stone, hauled entirely by the town trucks. The granite paving on Haven Street, from Sanborn Street to Lincoln Street, was relaid with grout joints by the C. W. Dolloff Co., who also reset the curb in that section of the

street at a cost of $2,157.63. Haven Street, from Linden Street to and including the junction with High and Chute Streets, was reconstructed with bituminous macadam by the M. McDonough Co., under the supervision of the State Highway Department, who drew up the specifications, contracted for, and engineered the work without expense to the Town of Reading, the cost of this section being $6,654.26. The work of this section consisted of 569 cu. yds. of earth excavation, the construction of 130 linear feet of old curbing and furnishing 219 feet of new curbing. 1466 tons of broken stone were used in stoning the street, with 10,600 gallons of bituminous building material. The repairing of the sidewalk in back of the reset curbing added $470.10, making a total of $9,281.99.

Two hundred eighty-four and six-tenths tons of different grades of stone have been used in patching about town this year; and approximately five hundred eighty-nine and seventy-five hundredths tons of stone dust have been hauled and spread on sidewalks.

SIDEWALKS:

In accordance with the general custom, the Board of Public Works advertised in the Reading Chronicle that the Highway Department would construct sidewalks during the latter part of the year, half the cost to be paid by the abutters. This work was let out by contract, and one thousand and eighteen sq. yds. were laid in different sections about town. There being no sidewalk in front of the Co-op Bank, the Board obtained the right from the bank property to move out their curbing to a suitable distance, giving space for a proper sidewalk. This work was accomplished and a granolithic walk was laid.

CURBING:

Curb-stone has been laid in five places about town, namely: Summer Avenue, near the junction of Woburn Street, along the Unitarian Church property; in front of Mr. Sweetser's property on Woburn Street; Vine Street, from Mineral Street to Middlesex Avenue Extension; Chute Street, junction of Woburn in front of the Episcopal Church, and High Street along Mr. Green's property.

DRAINAGE:

Work on the surface water drainage system has been extended by rebuilding and enlarging the culvert at South Main Street, north of the Railroad Crossing, Bolton Street, and at John Street, including the widening and deepening of the brook channel from west of Main Street, to east of Bolton Street, and for some distance east and west of John Street. This work was done under contract with Antony Cefalo Co., of West Roxbury, at a cost of $12,316.83.

Other drainage work of minor importance has been carried on to relieve certain sections, of the surface and storm water when conditions were exceptionally bothersome, namely: Highland Street, near Auburn; Harrison Street, Temple Street, West Street, beyond Summer Avenue, and John Street, near Salem Street.

GENERAL:

To some extent, the gravel bank on Mishawam Road, Woburn, has been used to build up the old road surfaces on different streets which were badly worn. Other work was performed of less importance by the Department, such as hauling coal, lime and alumina to the Pumping Station, setting guide posts, etc.

I might add here that a new Autocar was added to our list of equipment this year and that the Highway Barn was painted and reshingled.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Besides laying out a carefully prepared program for road dragging, oiling, applying tarvia and permanent construction of our highways similar to the lines pursued during the past five years, a further development of our drainage system should be considered. There are two locations where conditions are especially bad and where relief should be given as quickly as possible, namely: at the junction of Prescott and Lincoln Streets, and at the junction of School and Dudley Streets. To relieve the situation at these locations will require the laying of long lengths of drain to take the water to an outlet. In the first instance it will probably be necessary to lay vitrified pipe ranging in size from 10 to 24 inches, constructed in Lincoln and Minot Streets, and Center Avenue, to the brook west of Center Avenue, at the same time deepening and widening the latter to the South Main Street culvert. I estimate this cost at $10,000.00. To relieve the section at School Street, the continuation of the High Street drain up High Street to Mt. Vernon Street should be laid which would require a 30" pipe. Drains of smaller size should then be laid up Mt. Vernon to School, and in School Street to Dudley Street, the estimated cost of which is $9,500.00.

For our permanent road work next year, I recommend the stoning of Mineral Street Hill between Summer Avenue and Prospect Street; Middlesex Avenue Hill from Vine to High Streets; Locust Street from Main Street to Beacon and up Beacon to Auburn Street; Woburn Street from Chute Street to Lowell Street, and Ash Street from Post Office Square to Washington Street. In doing the above work, the underground structures for taking care of the storm water should be constructed. I estimate the quantity of road dressing material necessary to cover the maintenance work at 100,000 gallons. To facilitate and speed up the latter a loading machine would greatly add to our equipment. The town should invest in a new Ford Dump for police duty and K. P. work. Our present truck is now five years old and is beyond the point where it can be economically repaired. Our present sand bank located off West Street, is nearly exhausted and steps should be taken to secure another at an early date. Although a good many street signs have been replaced by new ones this past year, many still are in poor condition. A standard post set in concrete at all street intersections should be erected and proper signs placed thereon, whenever such an expenditure seems warranted in view of other pressing needs.

Following is a table which shows the distribution of expenditures under the direction of the Highway Department:

TABLE SHOWING AMOUNT EXPENDED ON STREETS FROM JANUARY 1925 TO DECEMBER 31, 1925

Streets	Construction	Maintenance	Gutters	Catch Basins	Patching	Drains	Snow and Ice	Repairs to Equipment	Sidewalks	Clearing Brush	Total
Arlington			3.37								3.37
Ash		38.91	13.29	5.43							57.63
Auburn		121.38									121.38
Avon											
Bancroft Ave.		1,436.94	9.81	21.58					89.15		1,557.48
Bay State Rd.		305.43									305.43
Beacon											
Beech		19.17									19.17
Belmont		242.77	8.76								251.53
Berkeley											
Boyce											
Brook											
Center Ave.											
Charles		1,133.07								31.32	1,164.39
Chute		594.12	2.86	5.52					29.69		632.19
Copeland Ave.											
Cross		99.75								31.32	131.07
Curtis		57.24									57.24
Deering									21.76		21.76
Dudley											
Eaton		226.72	10.54								237.26
Echo Ave.											
Elliott		20.91							9.33		30.24
Ellis Ave.											
Elm											
Fairview Ave.		3.33	3.37								6.70
Federal			8.85								8.85
Forest		236.83								50.12	286.95

Franklin		144.33									45.21	189.54
Fremont												
Fulton												
Gould		12.67								16.93		29.60
Grand			2.30								28.66	30.96
Grant												
Green		399.87	12.87	8.84								421.58
Grove		6.91								16.11	125.83	148.85
Hancock												
Hanscom Ave.		100.00										100.00
Harnden		3.26	15.02									18.28
Harriman Ave.												
Harrison		269.60				15.01					31.32	315.93
Hartshorn		2.50										2.50
Haven		9,132.02	11.98	32.13								9,176.13
Haverhill		1,826.39										1,826.39
High		1,926.73	38.78	17.76						3.36		1,986.63
Highland Rd.												
Highland St.		90.19								4.79		94.98
Hillcrest Rd.		232.16										232.16
Hopkins												
Howard				3.31		6.74				34.22		44.27
John		10.50	8.23			14,237.93				67.61		14,324.27
King		1,155.75								73.91		1,229.66
Kingston						2.29						2.29
Lake View Ave.												
Lewis												
Lincoln			5.16	18.57								23.73
Linden			19.40									19.40
Locust		69.89		2.86								72.75
Lowell		1,521.40	30.30									1,551.70
Main St., North		94.61								175.06		269.67
Main St., South			40.41	11.05						8.85		60.31
Manning		120.29	1.79									122.08
Maple												

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Streets	Construction	Maintenance	Gutters	Catch Basins	Patching	Drains	Snow and Ice	Repairs to Equipment	Sidewalks	Clearing Brush	Total
Middle			4.58								4.58
Middlesex Ave.			4.58	10.79							15.37
Mill											
Mineral		68.80	5.16								73.96
Minot		399.23									399.23
Morgan Park											
Mt. Vernon		606.15	4.58	8.09					19.96		638.78
Oak		502.20								48.74	550.94
Ordway Terrace											
Orange		432.23	9.63			8.45					450.31
Parker		6.00							12.83		18.83
Park Ave.											
Pearl		574.46									574.46
Percy Ave.											
Perkins Ave.											
Pierce		101.40									101.40
Pine Ave.											
Pine St.											
Pleasant		182.64	20.82						19.81		223.27
Pratt			4.00								4.00
Prescott			14.03						5.66		19.69
Prospect			10.42								10.42
Reading Sq.											
Ridge Rd.											
Salem		2,655.16	51.18	4.42							2,710.76
Sanborn			3.49			35.94			4.69		44.12
School		54.58									54.58

Scotland Rd.		327.48								31.32	358.80
Shackford Rd.											
Short											
Sigsbee Ave.		100.81									100.81
South		72.77									72.77
Spring		118.29	3.37								121.66
Square		322.59									322.59
Summer Ave.		44.93	43.73	39.85					47.75	96.62	272.88
Sunnyside Ave.											
Sweetser Ave.		20.20									20.20
Temple		6.36	4.79								11.15
Thorndike											
Union			5.16								5.16
Vale Rd.											
Village		81.95	6.95								88.90
Vine		553.14		2.12							555.26
Wakefield		3.58								31.32	34.90
Walnut		35.71									35.71
Warren Ave.											
Washington		577.76	7.97	3.31					18.41		607.45
Waverly											
West		3,694.80								13.92	3,708.72
Willow Rd.		104.05								31.29	135.34
Willow St.											
Wilson		159.06	5.07								164.13
Winter		82.85									82.85
Winthrop Ave.											
Woburn		1,540.17	64.14	15.35		10.32			26.63		1,656.61
Woodbine											
Woodward Ave.											
Total		35,084.99	520.74	210.98		14,316.68			706.51	596.99	51,436.89
General		13,776.80	58.30	206.22	2,976.08	3,050.64	4,625.94	4,357.61	1,398.46	11.26	30,461.31
TOTAL		48,861.79	579.04	417.20	2,976.08	17,367.32	4,625.94	4,357.61	2,104.97	608.25	81,898.20

SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen: — The following is the yearly report of the Sewer Department:

Construction and Maintenance:		
Balance Brought Forward		$ 17,710.05
Receipts to date		11,665.46
Total		$ 29,375.51
Expended:		
Construction Account:		
1. Pay Roll	$ 24.92	
2. Labor	3,024.85	
3. Supplies	672.08	
4. Plans	12.72	
5. Miscellaneous	378.68	
Total	$ 4,113.25	
Maintenance Account:		
1. Pay Roll	$ 2,464.66	
2. Tools and Supplies	142.75	
3. Oil and Gasoline	98.10	
4. Repairs	22.57	
5. Freight and Express	1.57	
6. Auto Maintenance	484.60	
7. Office Supplies	181.57	
8. Miscellaneous	271.07	
Total	$ 3,666.89	
Maintenance and Construction Pay Roll and Bills		$ 7,780.14
Balance		$ 21,595.37
House Connection Account:		
Balance brought forward		$ 1,216.18
Cash Receipts to date		2,697.06
Total		$ 3,913.24

Expended:

1. Pay Roll	$ 1,250.11	
2. Refunds	334.45	
3. Freight and Express	9.15	
4. Supplies	823.54	
5. Tools, Construction	251.37	
6. Auto Maintenance	121.98	
7. Miscellaneous	56.01	
Total		$ 2,846.61
Balance		$ 1,066.63

Sewer Maintenance and Construction

The principal work performed by the Sewer Department this year has been the construction of two main line sewers and thirty-six house connections.

The main line extensions were on Bancroft Avenue, from Middlesex Avenue, to Mt. Vernon Street, a distance of 780 feet, and on King Street, from Summer Avenue, to Prospect Street, a distance of 340 feet. The Bancroft Avenue sewer was constructed to relieve bad cesspool conditions on this street. The sewer was laid in King Street, preceding the work of constructing the street surface with bituminous macadam. Laterals were also laid to the sideline in order to obviate the disturbing of the street surface at a latter date, when abutting property is connected with the sewer. The work of both was done by Mr. Cefalo, who was at the time constructing the John Street Drain.

A general inspection at all junction points of the main sewer and main lines has been made during the year. A systematic process of cleaning and flushing has been carried out which has prevented the general accumulation of sewerage disposal from building up on lines where only a few houses were connected.

Thirty-six house connections have been constructed during the year by the sewer department men, with a total length of 1904.30 feet. The number of houses which are now connected with the sewerage system is equivalent to about 48% of the total number of connections available from the present sewer. This is an increase of 5% over last year. There are fifty connections constructed in past years that can be connected as soon as the property owners so desire, and one hundred and fifteen have been run to either the curb or sideline of the street, to obviate the expense of such work after re-surfacing the highways. There still remain one hundred and seventy-eight connections possible, for which no applications have been made by the owners of the property.

The following table will serve to illustrate the progress in growth of sewer connections.

Streets	Possible Connections	Completed Connections	Per cent Connected	No const. started	Connected to Street Line	Partially Installed to House	Estimated Revenue of Houses not Connected	Revenue Received 1925	Estimated Revenue 100% Connected
Arlington St.	11	2	18	6	2	1	$92.40	$24.60	$117.00
Ash St.	17	5	29	12	.....	.....	145.20	41.70	186.90
Bancroft Ave.	18	1	5	16	1	0	6.30	.....	6.30
Berkeley St.	25	12	48	13	.....	.....	162.30	153.00	315.30
Brook St.	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	17.40	.....	17.40
Center Ave.	11	5	45	.....	5	1	72.30	41.70	114.00
Copeland Ave.	6	5	83	.....	.....	1	32.70	179.40	212.10
Eaton St.	2	1	50	1	.....	.....	6.00	.....	6.00
Fremont St.	4	4	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	58.20	58.20
Fulton St.	1	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.00	21.00
Green St.	54	31	57	12	6	5	246.90	345.80	592.70
Gould St.	3	3	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	43.20	43.20
Harnden St.	8	6	75	.....	2	.....	26.10	134.10	160.20
Haven St.	40	23	57	7	9	1	148.50	761.10	909.60
High St.	10	1	10	3	2	4	156.00	24.00	180.00
Hillcrest Rd.	9	7	77	1	1	.....	33.90	44.10	78.00
Howard St.	17	14	82	2	1	.....	34.80	206.70	241.50
John St.	9	4	44	5	.....	.....	33.30	28.50	61.80
King St.	3	2	67	.....	1	.....	.....	36.30	36.30
Kingston St.	14	7	50	7	.....	.....	59.10	64.80	123.90
Lincoln St.	7	4	57	.....	3	.....	55.80	198.00	253.80
Linden St.	8	3	38	3	.....	2	53.70	68.10	121.80

Lowell St.	5	3	60	2	.....	.....	19.80	61.20	81.00
Main St.	41	28	68	1	11	1	173.10	903.60	1,076.70
Maple St.	2	1	50	.....	1	.....	13.80	9.30	23.10
Middle St.	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	22.50	.....	22.50
Middlesex Ave.	15	11	73	.....	2	2	61.80	415.50	477.30
Minot St.	11	6	55	.....	3	2	62.10	56.40	118.50
Mt. Vernon St.	9	3	33	6	.....	.....	45.00	28.80	73.80
Park Ave.	7	2	29	.....	.....	5	50.40	8.10	58.50
Parker St.	7	4	57	3	.....	.....	36.60	21.90	58.50
Perkins Ave.	6	6	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	154.50	154.50
Pine Ave.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6.00	.....	6.00
Pleasant St.	12	6	50	6	.....	.....	76.80	81.00	157.80
Pratt St.	4	3	75	1	.....	.....	9.30	32.70	42.00
Prescott St.	44	21	48	1	13	9	346.80	267.90	614.70
Prospect St.	15	6	40	8	1	.....	120.00	185.70	305.70
Salem St.	18	6	33	3	9	.....	215.40	193.80	409.20
Sanborn St.	14	6	43	6	.....	2	106.80	315.30	422.10
Scotland Rd.	1	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.90	6.90
Summer Ave.	16	6	38	9	.....	1	176.40	91.20	267.60
Sweetser Ave.	5	1	20	.....	3	1	33.90	5.70	39.60
Union St.	5	1	20	3	.....	1	51.00	6.00	57.00
Village St.	21	8	38	11	.....	2	228.90	140.10	369.00
Washington St.	27	8	39	13	4	2	62.10	96.60	158.70
Wilson St.	4	2	50	2	.....	.....	39.60	14.10	53.70
Woburn St.	75	28	37	12	31	4	618.90	416.40	1,035.30
Warren Ave.	17	11	65	.....	4	2	39.30	68.40	107.70
TOTAL	662	319	48	178	115	50	$3,999.00	$6,055.40	$10,054.40

PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—The following is the yearly report of the Park Department:

General Appropriation		$ 2,600.00
Expended:		
Memorial Park		
Pay Roll, care of Park	$ 724.44	
Pay Roll, Supervised Play	676.50	
Bills	817.68	
Total	$ 2,218.62	
Common and Main Street Parks		
Pay Roll, care of Parks	$ 106.00	
Bills	44.59	
Total	$ 150.59	
Leach Park and Athletic Field		
Pay Roll	$ 57.93	
Bills	131.51	
Total	$ 189.44	
Summary Expenditures:		
Total Pay Rolls	$ 1,564.87	
Total Bills	993.78	
Total		$ 2,558.65
Balance		$ 41.35

Memorial Park

During the months of January and February, skating was enjoyed on that portion of the Park which is flooded by closing the gate in the dam.

Before the season opened for the instruction of Supervised Play, minor repairs in and about the barn building were made. The general care of the grounds was then taken up. This past year, that portion used for games by the children during the summer months, was increased a little in size. Throughout the summer and into the fall, the entrances and the playground part were kept constantly mowed, raked and picked

up. The gate in the dam was closed early in the fall, and at this writing a large area is being used for skating purposes.

The summer activities again were under the supervision and direction of Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Thompson of the Reading Woman's Club. Their untiring efforts and personal care in this work made it another most successful season, and the Board of Public Works wishes to express its appreciation of the work that was done.

Common, Leach and Main Street Parks

The Common and Main Street Parks were kept constantly mown and raked during the year and the general care of the trees was taken care of by Mr. Donegan. The flag-pole on the Common was painted and reset.

Leach Park during the end of the summer was carefully gone over. The grass had not until then obtained a suitable footing to do any amount of work on it. Next year this Park will receive the same attention as the Common and Main Street Parks.

Due to the increase of area of that portion of our parks which are kept mowed, a power lawn mower was bought to handle the work for the coming year.

The following is a report of the Reading Woman's Club of Playground activities at Memorial Park.

Report of Playground Committee

The seventh season of the Reading Playground opened on the afternoon of July 1, 1925, with a committee from the Reading Woman's Club in charge. All formal exercises were omitted.

Mrs. Margaret Tyacke, of Medford, who had been engaged as Supervisor, described her method of instruction and told her plans for the season. Mrs. Thompson, speaking for the Woman's Club Committee, greeted all and asked for the co-operation of the children, the parents, and the instructors for, without that, nothing of lasting good could be accomplished at the Playground. Various games were played under Mrs. Tyacke's leadership. Ice cream cones were served by the committee to about four hundred children.

Mrs. Tyacke had as her assistants during the season, Miss Dorothy Allard, Miss Mary Johnson, and Mr. Robert Barclay, all of Reading.

As during the previous year, each day had its own special work or class. Monday was devoted to the basketry class under the direction of Miss Eva Webb of Reading, who gave very generously of both her instruction and time. The morning was given to the children and was free of charge. The afternoon class was for women and a moderate sum was charged. Material could be purchased at both classes at cost.

Wednesday, a story hour was held under the direction of Mrs. Ida Lucas, many ladies giving their time to entertain the children. Also, on this day, a special program was arranged by Mrs. Tyacke and her

assistants for the entertainment of the mothers and friends of the children. One afternoon Mrs. James Killam, President of the Reading Woman's Club very graciously welcomed the guests and gave a most interesting talk.

On another Wednesday afternoon, Miss Greenwood of the Massachusetts Safety Council, gave a description of the work and aims of that organization. Following her advice the older boys and girls acted as traffic officers at the closing of the Playground each day and other Safety Precautions taken, among the latter being, the "Danger" sign posted on Salem Street, at the required distance from Memorial Park entrance. The Reading Woman's Club bore the expense and one of the boys, Clarence Gay, constructed the sign board. A contest was held for the best poster to be placed on that board each week. This work is being continued in the public schools.

On Thursday was held the sewing class under the direction of Mrs. Mary Alger. Dolls were dressed by the younger girls and underwear, towels, etc., made by the older ones. This line of work required several instructors and mothers of the girls and ladies of the committee aided Mrs. Alger.

The other days of the week were devoted to the games and tournaments. Classes in Folk Dancing were held and much enthusiasm was shown. Tennis was especially well liked by both boys and girls and more tennis courts ought to be laid out. They are needed very much. Mr. Barclay organized a baseball team and it had its practice on the town field. The boys liked this sport and it is hoped to make it stronger each year. The team went to Wakefield one morning and played a team at the Playground there.

The usual repairs to and replacing of old equipment was made as required during the year. Many new games and forms of exercise were introduced this year under Mrs. Tyacke's direction. Indian Clubs were purchased, also wands and skipping reeds. The Discus and Shot became a very attractive line of exercise and many became quite adept in this form of athletics. Jumping standards were bought and several good records were made. Mrs. Tyacke could accurately time the races, running, etc., with the stop-watch kindly loaned to the committe for the season.

On the morning of August 20th, the Playground Committee presented at the Reading Theatre, a program planned by the Massachusetts Safety Council. This consisted of songs and dances by various children from the Playground, a talk by Miss Greenwood, a film comedy, "Our Gang" and the picture "Ask Daddy". The children of the Playground and the public were invited to attend free of all cost to them. The Reading Woman's Club paid the small sum necessary for the use of the film, the proprietors gave the use of the theatre, and the organist and operator gave their services. The committee feel these gentlemen were very kind and public spirited.

All the classes in dancing gradually led up to the performance of the "Pageant of the Seasons", which was the feature of the closing day, August 26th. Mrs. Tyacke and her assistants worked hard to make it successful and that it proved so was shown by its reception by the guests. The lovely costumes made by the committee greatly added to the beauty of the pageant. The music was furnished by Mrs. Terry of Everett, piano, and Mrs. Thompson of Newton, violin.

At the close of the pageant, prizes were given to the many boys and girls who had won in the games and tournaments, and had done the best work in classes of sewing and basketry. The guests were asked to visit the Community Building where the sewing and baskets were displayed.

Nearly every child who had attended the Playground had a part in the pageant and it seemed a happy and fitting closing for a most successful season. The average attendance, daily, was about one hundred and fifty and a congenial spirit was displayed at all times. The report to the "Playground and Recreation Association of America" was even better than last year as many new attractions had been added. It showed Reading's desire to progress in every way and aid its children to a strong, healthy and helpful life.

The Committee wishes to thank the Board of Public Works as, through Mr. Collins, it has been most kind and generous.

All who have helped in any way have the appreciation of the committee and it takes much pleasure in thus being able to express, publicly, that appreciation.

HELEN L. THOMPSON
KATHRYN E. GAY
Co-Chairmen

A. GERTRUDE KILLAM,
President of Reading Woman's Club

To the Board of Public Works:

The Playground Committee would recommend that the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) be appropriated by the Town of Reading for the work assigned to it.

It would suggest that the sum be not definitely divided for salaries and working expenses.

HELEN L. THOMPSON
KATHRYN E. GAY
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President of Reading Woman's Club

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:—The following is the yearly report of the executive office.

Appropriation		$ 5,100.00
Expended:		
Salary of Superintendent and Clerks	$ 4,416.88	
Bills	673.13	
Total		$ 5,090.01
Balance		$ 9.99

The following table shows the expenditures made this past year in all Departments, the pay roll of each, and the entire expenditures of the Board of Public Works.

	B of P W	Water Dept	High Dept	Sewer Dept	Park Dept	Totals
Pay Roll	$4,416.88	$16,692.54	$20,139.75	$ 3,739.69	$1,564.87	$ 46,553.73
Bills	673.13	39,943.25	61,758.45	6,887.06	993.78	110,253.67
Totals	$5,090.01	$56,635.79	$81,898.20	$10,626.75	$2,558.65	$156,809.40

The following list of unpaid bills are being held for thirty-day payment, the materials ordered to be used in 1926 and charged up to next year's accounts.

Name of Concern	Account	Amount
General Crushed Stone Co.	Snow and Ice Acct.	$ 13.09
Standard Oil Co.	" "	39.44
G. H. Atkinson Co.	Water Dept.	1.20
Castner, Curran & Bullitt, Inc.	" "	1,388.27
Dennison Mfg. Co.	" "	.87
John St. Garage	" "	6.85
Mueller Co., Inc.	" "	51.74
Municipal Light Board	" "	55.34
National Meter Co.	" "	148.75
Red Hed Mfg. Co.	" "	98.40
Standard Oil Co.	" "	3.75
P. N. Sweetser	" "	16.00
Total		$1,823.70

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation of the co-operation and interest of all those in any way associated with him in carrying on his work, and to acknowledge the helpful suggestions and assistance which he has received from other Department Heads in the Town.

HARRY B. COLLINS, Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING

For the Year Ending December 31

1925

SCHOOL COMMITTFE

Walter S. Parker, Ch., 55 Walnut St.	Term expires 1926
Leone F. Quimby, 25 Howard St.	Term expires 1926
Mrs. Ruth A. Lumsden, 116 Summer Ave.	Term expires 1927
Mrs. Marion B. Temple, 50 Hill Crest Rd.	Term expires 1927
Mrs. Josephine L. Fowler, 65 Temple St.	Term expires 1928
Albert R. Shepardson, 48 King St.	Term expires 1928

School Committee Office, High School

Clerk, Margaret Hunt — Res.—30 Hill Crest Rd.

Office Hours, 8.30 a. m. to 4 p. m., except on Saturdays, 9 to 12 a. m.

Superintendent of Schools

Adelbert L. Safford, Office—High School — Res.—26 Middlesex Ave.

Office Hours, 9.00 to 9.30 a. m. on school days.

Attendance Officer

Abigail H. Mingo — Office—High School

School Physician

Charles R. Henderson, M. D. — 126 Woburn St.

School Nurse

Mabel M. Brown, R. N. — Office—High School

Res.—84 Fellsway East, Malden

Janitors

	Salaries
High School, Charles W. Richardson, 107 Haven St.	$1,560.00
Matron: Mrs. Ara Pratt, 29 Orange St.	1,040.00
Highland School, Jesse W. Hutchinson, 79 Bancroft Ave.	1,560.00
Matron: Mrs. Olive Kelley, 13 School St.	780.00
Center School, Edward W. McBrien, 18 Salem St.	1,560.00
Union St. School, Edward W. McBrien	
Lowell St. School, Sylvanus L. Thompson, 8 Intervale Ter.	1,040.00
Prospect St. School, J. Fred Richardson, 17 Prospect St.	1,040.00
Chestnut Hill School, Harry S. Lovejoy, 47 Hopkins St.	520.00

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Walter S. Parker, Chairman — Adelbert L. Safford, Secretary

Sub-Committees

W. S. Parker, Chairman, is member ex-officio of each sub-committee

Finance and Accounts

L. F. Quimby — Mrs. M. B. Temple — A. R. Shepardson

Books and Supplies

Mrs. Josephine L. Fowler — A. R. Shepardson

School Houses and Property

Mrs. M. B. Temple — A. R. Shepardson — L. F. Quimby

Rules and Regulations

Mrs. R. A. Lumsden — L. F. Quimby — Mrs. M. B. Temple

Teachers and Salaries

L. F. Quimby — A. R. Shepardson

Music and Drawing

Mrs. Josephine L. Fowler — A. R. Shepardson — Mrs. R. A. Lumsden

Course of Study

L. F. Quimby — Mrs. Josephine L. Fowler — A. R. Shepardson

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1925

To the Citizens of Reading:

In conformity with law the School Committee submits the following report:

The year 1924-1925 has been a very successful year in most of the different departments of school life. In many of the schools there has been exhibited by teachers and pupils a commendable spirit of interest and enthusiasm in the school work undertaken. In this connnection we should remember that the amount of benefit derived by any pupils from the work in question is to be measured by the interest and work which each individual puts into it. The attention of our citizens to the various reports of the heads of different departments is earnestly solicited. They will bear a careful reading. The table presented by the Principal of the Senior High School, showing the number of pupils taking college entrance examinations, in comparison with other High Schools in the vicinity of Reading, is very surprising:

Wakefield	7	prepared	to	take	College	Entrance	Examinations
Reading	19	"	"	"	"	"	"
Stoneham	4	"	"	"	"	"	"

in the year 1925.

Of course it is to be presumed that other pupils from these schools entered college by certificate or possibly by examinations not given by the College Entrance Examination Board.

The report on Health is well worth reading, as showing the importance of Health in any really true educational course of instruction. The Committee would like to enlarge upon this most important phase of vital school work, but refrains from so doing, trusting that every citizen, who is interested in the most important work that can claim our thought and attention, will study carefully the several reports presented in this report of 1925.

The two members of the School Committee whose terms of service expire on February 28th, 1926, are Leone F. Quimby and Walter S. Parker.

The School Committee has had many meetings during the past year in regard to enlarged school accommodations. We are unanimous in the opinion that the Junior High School should be built immediately on the lot on Temple Street recently purchased by the town.

In consideration of the urgent need of doing something for the "new comers" in town, we have asked for a small amount to enable us

to open an evening school some time during the present year. English and elementary subjects will be taken for study.

Someone has said, "Our hopes are often in direct antagonism to our higher interests, because their realization would eliminate the training, which prepares us to use gifts, rewards, and gains of every kind." Nothing could be more unfortunate for a boy than the **sudden acquisition** of knowledge. If knowledge could be gained by speculation, as fortunes are often made, it would become as vulgar and useless as such fortunes usually are. For the best part of education is not the deposit of information which it leaves in a man's mind, but the concentrated and intelligent force into which it merges all that is strongest and best in a man's nature. The process through which the pupil is compelled to pass in order to gain knowledge prepares him to use knowledge wisely when he finally gets it.

The only true measure of a man's success in this life is to be found in the **growth** he has made, not in the achievements he has put to his credit. The chief value of these achievements is the evidence they furnish of growth.

The end of education is the development of a strong manly and womanly character and this can be gained only by **work** and **struggle.**

For the School Committee:

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman
RUTH A. LUMSDEN
ALBERT R. SHEPARDSON
LEONE F. QUIMBY
MARION B. TEMPLE
JOSEPHINE L. FOWLER

December 31, 1925.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1925

To the Honorable, the School Committee,
of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—The year nineteen hundred twenty-five has been one of concerted effort in the Reading Public Schools and a relatively high standard of achievement has been maintained throughout the system. We are still very far from the full attainment of our ideals of what we conceive to be possible through education but in all departments there are manifest the dispositions to sustain that which is good, to improve that which we see should be made better, and to press forward persistently towards what President Eliot so aptly called "the ever-receding goal," the best that human instrumentalities may achieve.

Two Major Problems

There are two outstanding general problems requiring scientific study, determination of the consensus of public opinion of the policy to be pursued and the organization of a technique of procedure.

A Building Program

One of these problems has to do with the very concrete and practical question of a suitable building program to satisfy the present and prospective requirements of the pupils to be educated in our schools. Some details of the situation were discussed on pages 161-2 in the town report for 1924. At that time an addition to the Highland School was contemplated. Such an addition would have covered practically all the available land leaving no playgrounds or room for future expansion. Further study of the requirements for future growth and a more comprehensive survey of the best means of serving the needs of all parts of the town led to a change of plan and the purchase of about ten acres of land located between Temple Street and King Street in the rear of residences on the easterly side of Summer Avenue. It is now proposed that a new Junior High School building shall be erected on this land immediately, and that, when the increased school enrolment warrants it, the present Senior High School shall be taken for use of the Elementary Schools of the Center district and a new Senior High School building be erected adjacent to the Junior High School. By such an arrangement some facilities may be used in common by the two schools thus avoiding duplication.There might also be a saving in heating and Janitor service and in the teaching force required for special subjects.

The Problem of School Methods

The second outstanding general problem of the present school situation is the improvement of school methods and procedures to keep pace with the increasing difficulty of pupils in adjusting themselves to life situations in a civilization constantly becoming more complex and worldly wise. Bernard Shaw says the trouble today is that the social machinery is too complicated for men—so complicated that civilization is on the verge of breaking down. President Hopkins of Dartmouth is reported in the press as saying that the selective process of admission to Dartmouth College "is an attempt to winnow out from among the applicants those men of intelligence and mental power who have greatest promise of living usefully and helpfully among their fellows in the society of their time." "When all is said and done the college does not and cannot change the self of any man. It can, however, offer assistance, guidance, and sometimes inspiration for a man to distinguish between his baser and his better characteristics and can help him through the involved labyrinth of his personality to find those qualities of wisdom, industry, goodness and size the mastery of which is available to him." "The great opportunity of the college in its relations to any man is that it may offer him guidance to himself." The function of the public school should be and is the rendering of the same kind of service of personality—"guidance," "assistance," and "inspiration"—on a more elementary scholastic level and since we have the pupils younger and in a more plastic state we may hope to mould them to a greater degree within the limits of their endowments to live "usefully and helpfully among their fellows in the society of their time." This requires on the part of the teachers a sympathetic attitude that will win the pupil's respect, and confidence; a technique of arriving at an understanding of the pupil's defects, and a method of remedial guidance that shall enable the pupil to restore himself to a wholesome and optimum functioning of his powers. The studious endeavors of our teachers to understand and put into successful operations the newer and more scientific procedures in education have continued throughout the year with undiminished vigor and enthusiasm. In every school there are many evidences of alertness and intelligence exercised by the teachers in seeking to make improvement, as well as in maintaining traditional standards of excellence. Progress has been made in causing the schools to contribute more effectively:—to broadening the pupils' experience in successful adjustments to life situations; to facilitating and directing the process of "growing up" to self-reliance, self-direction, initiative and creative enterprise; to removing the attitudes of timidity, feelings of inferiority and fixations on childish wishes and practices. The monthly "habit clinic" maintained by the State treats the more serious cases which are referred to it by the Director of Standards and Guidance. While we know that any worth while education must have a solid framework of intellectual discipline, we are more and more recognizing that our "likes" and "dislikes" (whether we are conscious of

them or are totally unaware of their presence) are the driving power or the inhibiting brakes that energize or retard whatever we do and that judicious and efficient emotional control are as essential to the proper functioning of the human machine as the gasoline control is to the operation of the automobile. Human energy needs to be conserved as much as or more than any other sort of energy. Expertness in the technique of managing one's emotions is indispensable to successful living. Our whole teaching staff is giving attention to the pupil's emotional control as revealed in attitudes, behavior, enthusiasms and resistances. To establish right habits in this respect is a fundamental objective of the educative process. More and more the project method, involving "purposeful activity" on the part of the pupil, is being introduced into our lesson plans. Also the teachers are trying to have their assignments definitely and scientifically laid out in a way to gain a specific knowledge, or a power to perform or an understanding of a principle. The tests disclose completely the pupil's attainment or lack of attainment of these specific objectives so that any failure in the test will be diagnostic of the particular points where the pupil needs further instruction or help. In order that pupils may not be too dependent on the teacher and sit idly waiting to be "called on", the assignments are made self-explanatory like correspondence school lessons and are self-checking and self-correcting as far as possible. In this way every child knows definitely what he is to do and is able to a large extent to go ahead independently without regard to what others are doing and without the teacher's personal attention.

The Opportunity School and New Classes

For several years past a special class has been maintained for pupils from all parts of the town who did not learn easily from books. By adapting the work to individual needs and by personal attention from the teacher "opportunity" was afforded for the pupil to be successful in his work and progress, hence the name Opportunity School. Recently this school was moved to the Channell house on the Highland School grounds and another teacher and group of pupils added to the school. The new group is made up mainly of older pupils who need the same special attention received by the pupils in the younger class. A program of teaching by practical projects as well as by books is being worked out in this school. A new class was organized in the Center School in the room vacated by the Opportunity Class. Also one teacher's classes in the Junior High School were sent to the Grouard House and a new fifth and sixth grade room organized.

Senior High School

A survey of the standing of graduates of Reading High School attending colleges during the past two years shows very gratifying results. I believe that the school is functioning as a preparatory school for college in a very satisfactory manner at present. At a time when the

colleges are stiffening their entrance requirements, many of our graduates at Harvard, Radcliffe, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Wheaton and elsewhere are gaining admission and standing high in their classes. Any pupil with ability of college grade can prepare successfully for any college in Reading High School. Moreover, the majority of such pupils complete the requirements for passing the entrance examinations in four years while some of the principals of neighboring high schools in larger cities openly say that five years are necessary for preparation for college entrance for all except the ablest pupils. Other departments of the High School are also functioning successfully. It is only necessary to look into the Reading banks, town offices and other business offices to see the efficient services being rendered by graduates of our Commercial department. There are large numbers of them employed in Boston and elsewhere and the demand is greater than we can supply. Several employment agencies have told us that our graduates are preferred because of their superior all-round training and for their generally pleasing personalities, good character and good habits. Many of our graduates take advanced courses in Boston University, School of Business Administration, or School of Secretarial Science, and report that their preparation in Reading High School has proved a thorough foundation for advanced courses.

Junior High School

The Junior High School has made rapid progress in the past three years. Miss Page carried forward the plans under way when she took charge, developed a number of original improvements, and, since Mr. Blaisdell became principal, has helped to maintain the traditional excellences of the school as well as to co-operate in the numerous new developments. Four lines of reorganization have been carried out that are of major importance: 1. The guidance club work modeled after the plans of the Holmes Junior High School in Philadelphia and described in the book by Thomas-Tyndall and Myers entitled Junior High School Life. This is the second year of the successful operation of these clubs. 2. The introduction of General Mathematics which included elements of geometry and algebra as well as arithmetic. This also is in its second year of successful operation. 3. Reorganization of the daily program into six hour periods instead of eight forty-five minute periods. As these hour periods include supervised study, group discussions, and lesson assignments as well as class recitations, it will be seen that there are plenty of activities to occupy the full period profitably if properly organized. There are not as a rule separate preparatory study periods as in the Senior High School. In many cases the text-books are kept in the class room and the pupils have access to them only during the class period. 4. The introduction of Social Studies by combining geography, history, civics, and more or less of elementary sociology and economics. The purpose of this reorganization is to present the facts of these subjects in such a manner that the pupils will see more readily their practical

application to real situations in life. This is the first year of this subject in Reading but it has been in operation in other towns or cities in Greater Boston—particularly in Newton and in Medford. Several outlines of this subject have been prepared. The one we are using was made by Professor Rugg of Teachers College, Columbia University. It runs through the three years of the Junior High School. Miss Hood has been developing a plan of teaching English by the project method and has obtained very interesting and satisfactory results. Miss Page has been developing her work as Dean of Girls and she and Miss Hood have been attending the course given for deans of girls by Dean Franklin of Boston University.

Visiting Teachers

Some of our citizens who have heard of the visiting teacher work carried on in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and elsewhere have not in all cases been aware that the duties of our Director of Standards and Guidance, Mrs. Lucas, our Nurse, Miss Brown, and our Attendance Officer, Mrs. Mingo, were all organized on the plan of the visiting teacher as outlined by Mr. Nudd in charge of the New York Office of the Visiting Teacher Organization. The plan of work by home visitation was discussed with Mr. Nudd when Miss Whittemore was beginning her work as Director of Standards and Guidance and the staff has been supplied from time to time with all the publications of the Visiting Teacher organization. The nurse visits the home on matters of health, the attendance officer on matters of behavior, and the director of standards and guidance on matters of mental health, promotions, and study habits. She also helps conduct the monthly habit clinic. Mrs. Fowler is the Director of the Habit Clinic and of the Pre-school Clinic.

Transportation of Pupils

A new plan of transportation of pupils to school by the Mason "Bus" service is proving very satisfactory and is a notable improvement over conditions existing previous to the inauguration of this service. The personal attention that pupils receive, the good order maintained in the busses and the comfort and convenience of the splendid vehicles used—all contribute to the success of the enterprise.

Reports of Department Heads

I commend to your careful attention the reports from the principals and other officials. All our administrative officers are doing excellent work individually and are co-operating whole-heartedly in team work that I have never seen surpassed in its fine spirit and freedom from jealousies or personal animosities. Everybody seems ready to help everybody else with perfect good will. I wish to thank all the members of the Committee for their guidance and support in carrying through the year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELBERT L. SAFFORD, Superintendent.

December 31, 1925.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, 1925

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford,
Supt. of Schools,
Reading, Mass.
Dear Sir:

I am submitting my yearly report for the twelve months ending December 31, 1925.

Attendance

The total number enrolled in September 1925 in Reading High School was 558.

Number of Girls—285.

Number of Boys—263.

Special efforts have been made to improve the regularity of attendance and we have succeeded somewhat in doing so. The matter of a mild winter has undoubtedly helped considerably. In cases of poor attendance or repeated tardiness we have urged the parents strongly to consider the effect upon scholarship. We are compiling statistics to show this dangerous effect. It is our experience that poor attendance goes hand in hand with poor scholarship and poor deportment. Work lost through absence can seldom be made up satisfactorily. Statistics gathered at the Fitchburg, (Mass.) High School show that 20% of the pupils who are irregular in attendance fail. The increase in numbers and regularity of attendance create a problem in accommodations which have about reached their limits. We feel strongly that it is one of our prime duties to inculcate right habits in our pupils. The additional seating and teaching facilities made available by dividing the large physics laboratory into two rooms has amply justified the expense involved. I suggest that you investigate the possibility of reconstructing room "B" or room "D" in a similar manner.

Health

Stand straight! Sit straight! Be straight! This is the basis of our health programme, so ably carried out by our two new gymnasium instructors assisted by the school nurse and school physician. We are indeed fortunate in having Miss Nelson and Mr. Aldred as physical instructors for our young people. Both have splendid training and high ideals. Physical training is given twice a week to every boy and girl unless excused by a doctor. The boys' and girls' "varsity" teams are simply an outgrowth of this general fundamental health training. This is as it should be.

College Requirements

Many parents do not understand that a considerable gap exists and exists rightly between work that should be sufficient requirement for graduation and work that fits for college standing. Preparation for college is a combination of skill on the part of the teacher and intellectual power on the part of the pupil. Either may fail, but no outsider is justified in deciding which factor is at fault until he has all the evidence in any particular case. The fact that a student enters college and fails is often looked upon by parents as proof that the school has failed to give the proper background for success. A study of this whole problem by many educators has shown this line of reasoning to be more likely to be untrue than not. There are however three reasons any one of which is much more likely to be the cause and will produce failure on the part of the college student. These reasons are (1) The work in the college in which the student finds himself is hard, and its entrance examinations easy. (2) The pupil may have found too many distractions in college and with no one to look after his daily work has needlessly failed. (3) The school from which he came may have been clever enough to get him through the examinations which he did not comprehend himself. This last reason is not likely to be the case of the public school but rather of the private institution. The colleges are safeguarding against this in their "comprehensive examinations" which include not only the passing of a certain set examination but also an examination of the student's complete scholastic record. In our case we can point with pride to many successful college careers of pupils from the Reading High School. Last year I gave the results of a study of the success of our pupils in college. The results are substantially the same this year as last. If anything, they are slightly better. Quoting from last year's report the figures for rank in college are as follows: A—12%; B—34%; C—35%; D—14%; E—5%. Less than 5% left college on account of scholastic failure, for some who failed repeated their year and went on. It may be of interest to you to note the figures pertaining to those who entered college directly from Reading High School each year during the last six years.

Year	No. in College Course	No. entering directly from R. H. S.	No. going to another school for 5th yr.
1920	18	13	2
1921	25	20	2
1922	21	19	3
1923	21	18	3
1924	31	16	5
1925	25	16	3
Total	141	112	18

In nearly all cases the students who went to another preparatory school went for social, not scholastic reasons.

The following table gives the number who prepared to take college entrance board examinations as compared with our neighboring towns:

NUMBER OF PUPILS TAKING COLLEGE ENTRANCE BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Figures taken from records published by the college board

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	Total	Enroll.
Reading	19	12	15	15	19	80	585
Stoneham	0	5	2	3	4	14	630
Wakefield	8	7	9	10	7	41	675
Woburn	14	15	11	9	15	64	706
Punchard	10	5	7	11	6	39	286
Medford	11	8	18	29	26	92	1320
Methuen	5	4	10	3	3	25	335
Marblehead	5	4	5	6	3	23	339
Malden	27	35	21	30	35	148	1300
Wellesley	32	21	25	29	31	138	238
Winchester	16	19	35	31	23	124	447
Norwood	16	11	11	3	2	43	606
Saugus	9	3	5	4	4	25	486
Danvers	11	6	10	6	8	41	450
Dedham	10	8	14	15	10	57	600
Everett	9	21	17	19	14	80	1500
Arlington	42	30	22	17	37	148	960

It is my opinion that the Reading High School has been extremely successful in college preparation in the last fifteen years, at least. Just recently I received notice of exceptional work in English, Latin and History done by our pupils in one of our leading colleges. A pupil who will apply himself can successfully enter any college in the United States from our four-year college course. This is based on the assumption that he has college ability. However, in common with other principals with whom I have talked, namely those of Cambridge, Medford, Arlington, Stoneham, Framingham, Weston, I believe a fifth year in high school, especially for the younger pupil, is of tremendous and lasting value to those who wish to go on to college.

Criteria for Secondary Education

When all is said and done the high school of today does not exist for the college pupil only. For the schools which rest on the foundation of popular will it is not to be expected nor is it fair that the objectives shall be so narrow. There are types of mind that learn by doing rather than by reading. Our several courses are justified on the grounds that the public school is for all the people. To stir the imagination, to enhance the inclination to think, and to impart knowledge by which worth

may be measured, and to make mental processes subject to self-discipline are some of the objectives of the programme in the Reading High School. We desire and I believe are accomplishing much in the direction of fulfillment of the promise of the founders of free public schools, "That a finer race of honest men consecrated to religion, morality, and good government would follow the establishment of public education."

Commercial Education

Much evidence that the commercial department is doing its work well can be found right here in Reading. This is the evidence given by the employers of our graduates. They do the work well and faithfully is the report and the demand exceeds the supply. A banker in a nearby city was recently quoted to me as saying that he considered the training received by our commercial pupils to be of the highest order. The manager of one of the large placement agencies in Boston gives preference to our graduates because they "know their special work well and have had the culture that makes them fit well into the scheme of things." It is because of this broad culture necessary to make social contacts today that we are requiring World and United States History, two sciences, a year of modern language and commercial geography, besides English and the special commercial subjects of our commercial graduates.

Art

The work of the drawing and manual training departments is of an exceptionally commendable order this year. The fine pieces of furniture made and the pictures, posters, and scenery in color designed by the art students is the best in years. Through this work we are developing not only performers but appreciative audiences and lovers of art, a highly important factor in a civilized nation. One of the reasons for this improvement is because more time is allowed for this work. The work in "outside" music is still in an experimental stage but I believe it will work out satisfactorily.

Teachers

More sympathy, patience, and faith are required of teachers than of workers in most other lines. There exist of course many places where there are to be found teachers who labor with high professional spirit and love for their pupils. But I believe that I am well within the truth in saying that few groups of teachers anywhere can be found to show greater zeal or higher standards than those in Reading High School. Their co-operative spirit for the common good of the pupils is remarkable.

Home Study

It is necessary that every student in every course do considerable home study. To be sure we have the longer day during which some studying is to be done in school. That, however, is intended only to allow time for study under direction. With the advent of the radio this

school study period is a salvation, but the home conditions should be so arranged that every child can have a quiet place for at least two hours of study. We should do all we can to encourage the old time "round the lamp" family study circle, not only for scholastic reasons but for moral ones as well.

Lectures and Assemblies

The school has outgrown its auditorium so much that it is difficult to hold assemblies of the entire school as often as we desire. However, we do hold assemblies every Monday in two platoons and gather the whole school at least once a month for a special programme. We have been fortunate in our outside speakers this year. Dr. Hshieh and Dr. Barker were well worth hearing. Dr. Barker left a moral message never to be forgotten. We expect to continue our monthly outside assemblies.

Dean of Girls

"Leisure is freedom to live and its use is a mark of character." The leisure American women have secured does not always have value. Education properly directed can give value to women's life and leisure by promoting good health and a knowledge of the laws of life, by teaching orderly living and developing sound character and social purpose. To see that the young girls of the high school have proper direction and right purposes is the duty of the Dean of Girls. Those girls who have a definite life-work planned are less of a problem. It is the girl with no specific aim that needs the guiding hand of such a woman as our dean. Her work is so well known to you and to the school committee that I need say no more in this connection.

School Lunch

The School Lunch is functioning well in very cramped quarters. As was the case last year we are serving an increasing number every day. Due to numbers pupils come in two platoons. It would be hard to find a better cooked, more nutritious lunch anywhere than is served at Reading High School and, best of all, the prices are low. We are hoping to enlarge the counter and kitchen space somewhat this year and to provide some sort of tables in the space outside. The problem here is to find something that will not take up too much room and, at the same time, be serviceable. We invite parents and others interested to visit us.

Gifts

From the class of 1925 we received the fine statue of Abraham Lincoln which now stands so imposingly in the entrance hall. From the class of 1924 we received recently two comfortable wicker arm chairs which have been placed in the reception room.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH SUSSMANN, Principal.

December 31, 1925.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, 1925

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford,
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Safford:

In submitting my third annual report as Principal of the Reading Junior High School, I wish to stress certain features of the year's work, which I believe, are particularly worthy of mention—improvement in methods of conducting class work, changes in the program of studies, expansion and improvement of the club work, and greater pupil participation in school administration.

Formerly, we have thought of the recitation period as a time when the teacher was expected to test the class on the lesson assigned. It was characterized by extensive questioning by the teacher, and a more or less memorized recital by the pupil of material found in the textbook. The purpose of the class period has undergone considerable change in recent years, and the real test of class room procedure is not dependent upon the amount of material which the pupil can recite to the teacher. It is rather determined by the pupils' increased power to work independently of the teacher, and to carry through investigations and projects to successful and satisfying conclusions. This objective has been quite influential in originating several plans for conducting class work, such as the socialized recitation, the project method, supervised study, and directed study, all of which have contributed to the improvement of class room procedure.

The teachers in the Reading Junior High School have made notable progress in their methods of conducting class work. I wish to mention particularly the method which Miss Hood is using in eighth grade English. The plan is based upon that used in New Britain, Connecticut. This, in turn, is an adaptation of the Dalton plan which has received so much publicity in recent years. The year's work is divided into carefully planned, self-directing assignments which cover a period of two weeks. Longer assignments do not seem desirable in the Junior High School because of the immaturity of the pupils, and also, because of the need for checking up on the pupils' work at shorter intervals. The assignments are prepared on three levels of achievement, and are designated A, B and C. Every pupil is required to do all of Assignment C one hundred per cent perfect before he is allowed to go on with the next assignment. He may also do Assignment B or A, which is more advanced work, for the successful completion of which he is entitled to

a grade of B or A. If, however, he simply does Assignment C, he is only entitled to a grade of C. No marks are given for any assignment until it has been fully completed. The class room is conducted quite similarly to a well regulated library. All of the material needed for the assignment is kept in the class room and is accessible to the pupils. From time to time, class conferences are held with the teacher for the purpose of explanation and presentation of new work. More often small group conferences are held when the pupils and teacher find it advisable. Individual conferences may be arranged at any time, at the request of the pupil. All of these conferences help the pupil to check up on his work. Each pupil is allowed to progress as rapidly as he is capable. As soon as the assignment is completed, the pupil takes a position on one side of the class room which indicates that he is ready for a conference with the teacher for the purpose of checking up on his work.

There are several advantages to this plan which are well worth mentioning. From the teachers' standpoint, it enables her to better gauge each pupil's possibilities, and to keep him working much nearer to a maximum of his ability. From the standpoint of the pupil, the definite assignment enables him to better gauge his own progress and to feel the satisfaction of carrying a job through to a successful completion. He forms better study habits, and learns how to acquire and organize material. He learns to depend upon himself and not on the other pupils in the group, or on the teacher. Last, but not least in importance, he develops such qualities as initiative, judgment, self-reliance, and perseverance which are indispensable to the successful man.

In the seventh grade arithmetic work, Mrs. Lewis is gradually putting the "Winnetka Plan" into operation. This plan, like the one I have just described, provides for the organization of the arithmetic work into small units of achievement and permits each pupil to progress as rapidly as he is capable.

I have discussed more fully the method of conducting the class work in English and Arithmetic, because they are a little more definite in their attempt to organize the work in such a way that it is individualized, is definite in its requirements, and provides for individual advancement based on actual achievement. Other examples of good class work might be mentioned. Our method of teaching General Science has long been a feature of the school. Many of the Social Study classes at work resemble a well regulated work shop in which the pupils, working individually or in small groups, are busily and happily engaged in the accomplishment of their tasks. I believe that a visit in our class rooms would be quite convincing that our teachers are complying with the very best practices for conducting class work.

A more general agreement among educators relative to the objectives of the Junior High School has resulted in more uniformity as regards the programs of studies. We are trying very hard to make our

program of studies conform with the best junior high school practices, as evidenced by careful study and experimentation.

Mathematics was one of the first subjects to be considered in the re-organized program of studies attendant upon the organization of the Junior High School. Careful surveys were made to ascertain how much and what type of mathematics was used by the average citizen. As a result of these studies, it was found that undue stress was placed upon certain arithmetical processes taught in the seventh and eighth grades. It was also disclosed that the average individual did need to know some of the simpler processes of algebra, such as the graph, formula, and equation, as well as the less complex portions of geometry, which have to do with lines, shapes, and angles. In 1923, a special committee of the National Education Association reported on the re-organization of mathematics in grades seven, eight, and nine. This committee, which had been working on the problem since 1916, recommended a course in general mathematics, based upon the needs which I have suggested above. This report has been quite generally adopted by junior high schools. General mathematics was introduced last year into the Reading Junior High School, and is apparently justifying itself although it is a little early to speak too definitely as to its results.

Permit me to call your attention to a course in social studies, which has been introduced this year in grade seven. The plan which is being followed was prepared by Harold Rugg and his associates of Teachers College, Columbia University, and is best explained by the author's own statement. "The course is an attempt to construct curriculum materials that will prepare young people for intelligent participation in the complex and changing life of the present time. It covers the general field included in courses in history, geography and civics, economics, sociology, etc. It is not, however, an attempt to merge into one course the material of the existing courses. It is rather a new departure in curriculum construction, based upon the hypothesis that the traditional courses and the older methods have proved inadequate to meet the imperative demands of contemporary life." Both teachers and pupils are enthusiastic about the course. I consider it one of the biggest achievements in the year's work, as it is quite in accord with the real business of the junior high school which, according to Dr. Charles Judd of the University of Chicago, "is to organize a new body of constructive material which shall be richer and better for the children."

Last year, the club work was completely reorganized in accordance with a plan in operation in the Holmes Junior High School of Philadelphia. One type of club, called the opportunity club was organized for the purpose of giving each pupil the privilege to participate in an activity in which he had a special interest. An effort was made to organize a sufficient variety of clubs to meet the interests of all pupils. The other type of club, called the remedial club, was organized for the purpose of giving special help to those pupils who, for various reasons,

were not doing good work in the basic subjects such as arithmetic, English, spelling, and penmanship.

The same general plan is being followed again this year, although some changes have been made in order to eliminate difficulties which manifested themselves last year.

In order to make the work most effective, it was found necessary to organize smaller clubs. This was particularly true of the remedial work because each pupil in the club needed special help, and the time available was comparatively short. This problem has been solved by scheduling one class for music in the assembly hall, while the other class is having their club work. As only two teachers are required for music, practically the entire teaching force, as well as all the class rooms are available for club work.

Last year each pupil belonged to two clubs, each of which met for one half hour each week. This year each pupil belongs to one club which meets for two half hours each week. This change has justified itself in practice in that it gives more time for the club to function to a greater degree.

Believing that mandatory methods do not produce the best results, admittance to the remedial club has not been compulsory this year. If a teacher wishes a pupil to join a remedial club, that pupil is advised, through special conference with the teacher, relative to his needs and is invited to join a remedial club. The purpose of this procedure is to make the pupil himself feel a need for special help, thereby guaranteeing the right incentive and attitude.

I believe that the club work is functioning very well—particularly the remedial work. There is still a tendency for some to regard the opportunity clubs as recreation periods instead of a chance to do some creative work. The interest evidenced in some of the clubs proves that this difficulty is gradually being overcome.

The experience of society at the present time would indicate that there is an urgent need for a stronger moral fiber and a greater civic righteousness in the boys and girls who are graduating from the public schools. The development of habits and attitudes, and the acquisition of civic knowledge cannot be left to chance if the American ideal of democracy is to be realized. Although training for better citizenship should be a primary objective all through the public school life, yet it must be one of the particular aims of the junior high school. The period of adolescence is a time of social awakening when the child begins to see himself in his true relationship with respect to society. He begins to appreciate the meaning and value of organized society, and is capable of feeling his own duties and obligations.

There is probably no better way to teach these truths and to inculcate civic habits than through actual experience. With these thoughts in mind, we have attempted to center civic activities in a student organi-

zation which provides for active student participation in school administration and government. Through the department of safety, a traffic squad supervises the passing to and from classes, and a fire squad makes sure that all exits are clear in case of fire or fire drill. Quite recently, a Junior Safety Council has been organized to promote safety both at school and in the community. The department of sanitation, through its different bureaus, provides for daily inspection of the class rooms, corridors, basements, and playgrounds. It furthermore tries to better regulate the temperature of the class rooms through monitors, who inspect the thermometers between class periods. The department of public works endeavors to arouse a feeling of personal responsibility in regard to property, and to enlist the support of the student body in preventing thoughtless or wilful destruction of property. The department functions through its bureaus of school and neighborhood property, and its bureau of lost and found articles. Without going further into the detail of this organization, I will say that every effort is made to get the pupils to accept their responsibilities and to practice civic virtues.

I wish to call your attention to the management of the school lunch. Since my connection with the Junior High School, this department has been wholly supervised by the Assistant Principal, Miss Emma Page. The food is prepared by the girls in the household arts course under the direction of their instructor, Miss Chalmers. The school lunch has not only been entirely self supporting, but it has also supplied most of the food materials used by the household arts girls in their work.

In concluding this report, I wish to pay tribute to the splendid spirit of co-operation which has characterized my relationship with the teaching force. I also wish to commend them for the effort at professional improvement which they have evidenced. Nearly every teacher, either last summer or during the present school year, has taken special courses to make herself more proficient in her work. The teachers deserve the maximum of credit for any school progress which may have been attained during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND W. BLAISDELL, Principal.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTOR

To Mr. Rudolf Sussmann,
Director of the Agricultural Department,
Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir:—This is my first report of a full year's work in the Reading High School Agricultural Department. Being equipped with many years of actual practice and experience I have found many opportunities to use first-hand knowledge in dealing with some of the problems that come up in this kind of teaching, the solutions of which are not always found in textbooks. A sympathetic handling of the subjects taught is more to be desired than class room drill, especially since the study is of living things which must be dealt with in a kindly manner, if any measure of success is to come.

In point of fact success has come in a greater or less degree to all the boys in the department. None of them show a cash loss for their year's project work. All have gained valuable experience. Several have made very good records from small beginnings.

I have in mind one boy who started late on account of illness and had to begin with a box board hen house and four setting hens. He hatched forty chicks, raised thirty-nine of them and now has seventeen laying pullets which cost him nothing as the sale of broilers and roasters paid all the bills until the pullets began to lay.

Another boy had nothing to start with. He worked on a farm through the summer and saved his money. He now has as fine a poultry house as can be found anywhere in the vicinity. He will fill it with chickens this spring.

The boys who did not have an opportunity for project work at home have been aided in finding work with farmers, poultrymen, and market gardeners. They have all given a good account of themselves.

In September the term started with fewer enrolled in the department than it has had for some years. This is partly due to the fact that all of the Veterans Bureau men enrolled last year have finished their training, also a number of boys left school to go to work. The smaller number makes it possible to give more individual attention to each. A sincere attempt is made to find the vital problems of each pupil without neglecting the broader aspects of Agriculture and its economic importance to the country as a whole.

In May a judging team from this department visited the Massachusetts Agricultural College and took part in the state championship stock

judging contest. Some good individual scores were made and the team compared favorably with others in its class.

This winter the department prepared an exhibit, showing the work of some of its graduates, for the Union Agricultural Meeting at Worcester. In a letter from the State Board of Education, the state supervisor referred to this exhibit as an "extraordinarily interesting contribution."

I wish here to acknowledge the many kindly suggestions and help I have received from yourself and Mr. Safford and the co-operation of the parents of the boys I have worked with.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMON T. WHEELER, Instructor of Agriculture.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford.
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir:—The report of the work of this department is herewith submitted for your approval.

Since the report of a year ago we feel that the work of this department has gone steadily onward. It was organized with but one impelling motive, to help all our children in every way to live happier and more successful lives, and this aim has not been changed. For this reason much of our work consists of smoothing out rough places on the road to knowledge, correcting wrong attitudes, not always by any means confined to the pupils, and clearing up misunderstandings. Necessarily a large part of this work is of so personal a character that any mention of it would be an unpardonable breach of confidence.

The Habit Clinic in charge of assistants sent out by Dr. Thom from the State Department of Child Welfare has met once each month and will continue its services during the remainder of the year. When one of our children shows symptoms of some physical disability, with which we are unable to cope, we consult a physician. This is exactly the function of the Habit Clinic. If, for some unknown reason, the child fails to fit in happily with his environment or to take his part well in the world about him we can consult a physician who is an expert in diagnosing mental attitudes and who can often prescribe an effective method of cure.

The testing program has been continued as before and the results obtained are being used to fit the course of study more closely to the needs of our pupils. The diagnostic tests in arithmetic recently given in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades have shown the need of each child in the fundamental processes and he will receive help and drill on the operation where he fails and not waste his time on work in which he is proficient.

Much credit is due to the librarians of the Public Library for their co-operation with the schools. More and more the children are using the library and sometimes it looks as if the adults would soon be crowded out unless we can open another room for the children. At the beginning of the year a number of books are put into the different school buildings thus establishing, as it were, a branch library right at hand for the use of the pupils. In one group of twenty-seven children twenty-four had read at least one book since the beginning of the year.

From the third grade up at least seventy-five per cent of the pupils are using the public library. The books read are not all stories for their lists include books from all the realms of literature. Biography, nature, history, poetry are all represented.

The number enrolled in the achievement clubs in 1925 is not as large as that of some previous years but much good work has been done in gardening and canning, care of poultry, food and clothing projects. Our young people made a very creditable exhibit at the Grange Fair and also held a successful exhibition at the Highland School. Much credit for the successful work is due to Mrs. Roland Perry for her aid in carrying on the club work. I wish to thank the Reading Grange and the many parents for their help in this work which means so much in the training of our boys and girls.

I wish to thank the superintendent and the entire teaching force for their loyal support without which it would be impossible to make a success of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA C. LUCAS

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford.
Superintendent of Schools,
Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I herewith submit my fourth annual report for your approval.

The Art Department in the Reading High School is facing a broad and interesting future. Instead of two separate periods per week the boys and girls are able to get in from five to ten periods per week this year. This new arrangement, giving more time to our department, is most satisfactory and I believe that the successful work accomplished this fall proves that our students are using the extra time to good advantage.

A new manner of approach was tried out. The pupils could use charcoal or colored chalks as their medium and with it made a portrait, a bit of still life, a landscape, or a seascape. Drawing what they loved to do and using their own selected medium the work followed with perfect freedom. Individual criticism or suggestions were given only as they were necessary, such as color mixing or color blending, perspective, good values, subduing colors, relation of colors, and values to each other, the manner of handling the medium, etc.

For guidance we use beautiful reproductions from the old masters, good up-to-date artistic prints of refined color and excellent composition, and pictures of prominent persons, as Lincoln, Chaliapin, Rockefeller; also the foreign characters, and our American Indian. Pictures of poor color, uninteresting people, or of poor composition were discussed and eliminated, thereby raising the standard of taste in pictures.

Last spring a course was given in Dress Design and Dress Planning. A "color clinic" was conducted in class and the girls tested different colored materials in relation to their respective complexions or hair, and decided what colors were best. Principles were discussed which helped to solve the problem for the stout and the slender girl, for the short, and the tall girl. Hats, jewelry, and other accessories were also mentioned and sketches were made to prove our conclusions. Some of the following questions were discussed and settled: Are short skirts artistic? Should the bow-legged girl wear them? What kind of hat should be worn by a girl whose face is very broad and chin very pointed? How can a girl who loves pink wear that color if it does not enhance her complexion? Can a tall slender girl wear a small, tall hat? Why are horizontal lines bad on a short stout type? Beauty is not chance,

accident, or sentimentality. It is the result of obedience to the law of principles.

The use of posters in commercial advertising has increased to such an extent that special attention is being given to this particular phase of art in the school work. Posters have been made in connection with school activities and outside activities in the town.

The general outline for the grades was followed as usual with slight changes. The work develops from lesson to lesson, from grade to grade. Each year one part of the drawing is given special attention; that is, one season we major in lettering, another year in creative design or representation. The work is divided into four parts,—observation, invention, representation, and construction. The children are taught to love order, to feel beauty, and are encouraged in every way to do fine workmanship. "To make ugly and complex things is easy; to make simple and beautiful things is the most difficult thing in the world."

The fifth international art congress met this year at Paris for the development of drawing and art teaching and their application to industries. A few of the adopted resolutions are as follows:

1. That drawing had an international value as a universal language; understood by all peoples, and that the possibility of exchanging common ideas is the first step towards peace.

2. That the sign, symbol, and color in all indications of direction, for protection and safety be the same in all countries.

3. That in elementary education the study of drawing should awaken the child's sense of observation, so that he may learn to see, understand, and judge while learning to draw. That in order to get a right estimation of his work he shall seek to express himself with clearness and intelligence. That Art Teaching should assist Industry.

4. That drawing and handicrafts lend each other to joint action.

5. That the cinematograph be adapted for children providing that certain favorable conditions are fulfilled.

6. That the study of drawing be carried to the sciences for the drawing of figures, plans, diagrams, and apparatus.

7. That the teaching of drawing be no longer considered as an accessory outside the normal circle of studies, and still less as a polite accomplishment; that it should be obligatory in all classes and form an integral part in all syllabuses of each class under the same conditions as all other subjects.

May I thank the teachers and you, Mr. Safford, at this time, for the co-operation and assistance given me the past year?

Respectfully submitted,

M. ADELINE LAHAISE, Supervisor of Drawing.

December 31, 1925.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford, Supt.,
Reading, Mass.

My dear Mr. Safford:—In submitting for your approval my third annual report of attendance, permit me to thank you and the Committee for your continued interest and helpfulness in my work.

School Attendance

School attendance all over Reading has been excellent for 1925. In another part of the school report will be found a table showing membership and attendance for the months of September, October, November, and December, 1925, which speaks for itself. Despite the fact that Reading's school population is increasing all the time, this last year has seen a steady decline in truancy. In nearly every instance some other reason than disinclination on the part of the pupil has been back of absence from school.

Disregard of Law

One or two of our most irresponsible families have moved from town, thus adding to the burden of the attendance officers in neighboring towns, but improving conditions very much so far as Reading is concerned. It is almost hopeless to attempt any work with people who come to this country solely for financial reasons, not caring how they make money so long as they get it, and evading in every way the law regarding school attendance for their children, as well as other laws which they wish to disregard. Such a family lived here a short time, but long enough to receive aid from most of the agencies in the town; then moved to Wakefield. Without their knowing it, they were introduced to the Wakefield School Department by a letter which followed them, which probably made it difficult for them to succeed in keeping out of school a girl of the family whose education had stopped in the lower primary grades. When ordered to produce a birth certificate for this child the mother, who had insisted that the girl was 16, had to admit that she was not 14, and should have been in school all the time they lived in Reading. This shows that some of our work has to be done with the parents rather than with the children.

In another case of truancy a boy decided that because the other children in the family (all younger) were excluded on account of whooping cough, which he had had, he did not have to attend school either. He was found by the attendance officer and sent back to school where he stayed for a few days and then repeated his truancy for a time. After

a very serious talk with him and a visit to the home, the boy began to see the light and has given no further trouble.

Behavior Problems

In a number of difficulties connected with behavior in school and out the attendance officer has been in touch with the homes and has worked with the children themselves. In this connection it would perhaps clarify things to quote the law which says: (Acts 1921—Chap. 77, Sect. 5) A child under sixteen persistently violating reasonable regulations of the school he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaving therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, shall be deemed an habitual school offender, and, unless placed on probation as provided in section seven, may, on complaint of an attendance officer, be committed to a county training school.

(Acts, 1921—Chap. 77, Sect. 4) A child between seven and sixteen found wandering about the streets or public places, having no lawful occupation, habitually absent from school and growing up in idleness and ignorance, shall be deemed an habitual absentee, and, unless placed on probation as provided in section seven, may, on complaint of an attendance officer or any other person, be committed to a county training school.

This should be a help to teachers who are troubled by behavior problems which do not yield to persuasive measures and also should be a warning to those parents who feel that their children can do no wrong. One such instance has recently come to the attention of the attendance officer; the teacher was uncertain as to just how much she had to stand from the boy or the parent.

Subsequent History of Past Offenders

In following this line of thought the writer would like to call attention to a number of past offenders, both in attendance and behavior, who are now making court records for themselves and are becoming just as fast as they can the criminals which parental indulgence or neglect has been fitting them for since their birth. The police officers of Reading could supply names and possibly other people in town know who are meant. In any case these boys either had no serious work required of them, made much of small physical ills, or otherwise failed to adjust themselves properly to life, with lamentable results. Several girls who were problems in the past have been mothers of illegitimate children or have married very young with no preparation whatever for the obligations and duties of life. This shows that preventive work is about the only work that really counts. We must catch these children while they are in the schools and do something for them if we possibly can. It also seems to indicate that being a parent is a man-size and woman-size job, requiring first of all intelligence combined with a good deal of moral back-bone.

Assisting Agencies

We have had the assistance of the Children's Aid Association with one boy whose widowed mother is having a hard time in handling him. He is doing slightly better but it may yet mean placing him in another environment with a possibility of psychiatric treatment. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has been of great help with another family, in which an older boy is a fugitive from justice and the younger ones have been connected with breaks and other offences. The older boy was a behavior and attendance problem when the present attendance officer took over this work, but was so near 16 that not much could be done with him. Through parental neglect (especially on the mother's part) the younger members of the family are growing up as the older ones did in idleness and filth. The father shows an interest in his children and wishes to improve matters. With help and encouragement he may be able to maintain discipline, but he is in a hard place.

Cases of Need

The Town Visitor (Miss Helen Brown) has kindly furnished clothing for some of our needy ones and from our own small store we have been of material assistance occasionally. Our stock needs replenishing just now and donations would be welcome. At Christmas time, through the generosity of little James and Jeanne Glidden of Belmont, Philip Sussmann of Lincoln, and the skill of Mr. Boehm and his manual training boys in the High School, the Attendance Officer and School Nurse were enabled to give to some of our Reading children (who would have received almost nothing in the way of toys), dolls, doll house, trains of cars, etc., etc., and to say these were appreciated is putting it very mildly indeed. We hope to make this an annual affair and realize that many Reading children are able to contribute and would probably like to do so. At Thanksgiving time one little girl on Linden Street was very glad to give to another little girl a warm coat, to which she added mittens, and, if she had not been stopped, would have contributed much more of her own wardrobe. Another family in which the school agencies have been interested has moved to Charlestown, where we hope the children will be fortunate enough to receive the help they need to become well and useful members of the community.

Re-adjustment of Older Boys and Girls

A few boys and girls in the Junior High and Senior High Schools have shown by the absence from school, poor behavior, poor ranks and in other ways that they were not properly adjusted in their home or school. In such cases a study is made of conditions, conferences held with pupils and parents, and re-adjustments made as seems best for individual pupils. One girl in High School desires to cook. We are capitalizing that desire and allowing her to be a sort of pupil-teacher in that subject, with the aim for her to become a teacher eventually and to prepare herself for the four-year course at Framingham. Without this

adjustment she would have undoubtedly left school in her freshman year. Several boys are now looking forward to Trade School next year and are behaving and doing better because of this incentive. Our girls in the Boston Trade School for Girls are a source of pride to us. On the whole we believe that our Reading boys and girls are a well-intentioned group. Occasionally a few give trouble but a little study and adjusting will often solve the problem.

Illiterates

We have in Reading comparatively few illiterates, but among the number under twenty-one years coming to us for certificates to work we find this year more than 25 who have not completed the sixth grade and thus are classed as illiterate. In nearly every case these people are immigrants from one section of Nova Scotia. Among the older ones of this racial group we know of a number who cannot read or write in any language and some who cannot talk English. The fact that Reading is to have an evening school is a hopeful sign for those under 21 who will be compelled to attend.

Census

For several years the school census has been taken by the Civics classes of the High School. Last year's census showed a school population of close to 1900 children with about one-fourth of them in High School. This is a good percentage and indicates that Reading parents appreciate the education which was denied to some of them. This fall our registration everywhere is increased and we have already enrolled over 1900 in all schools. Reading is growing fast and every new house probably means more children, so the proposed new Junior High School and Senior High School will, we hope, be realities before many years.

Employment Certificates

In 1925 this office issued 236 certificates, many of them to boys and girls still in school but employed outside of school hours and in vacations. This is a good thing, for boys and girls who have a job and go to school too must be too busy to get into trouble. Not many of those who have left school to go to work have changed positions during the year, due partly, no doubt to business conditions and scarcity of good places. More boys than girls have had certificates issued to them.

Duty of Employers

Employers are required to employ only duly certificated minors and it is no trouble to them to do this. When, therefore, the State Inspector's visit to town results in an increased demand for certificates, it looks as if some of our Reading employers were lax in this respect. The attendance officer intends to visit in person some such establishments in Reading during 1926. Employers are reminded that certificates are to be returned immediately when the employee leaves them.

Conclusion

In summing up, it seems that the truants have been the least of our troubles this year. Many cases reported to the attendance officer have been worked out in conjunction with the School Nurse, Miss Brown, the Supervisor of Standards and Guidance, Mrs. Lucas, the Town Visitor, and other outside agencies. We have a wonderful community spirit in Reading and in the main citizens are ready to help the schools. Occasionally there is an unkind criticism but usually when traced back there is misunderstanding behind it. Parents and others need to understand better than they do the high ideals of our Superintendent, Committee, and teaching corps. That we make mistakes we admit, but we do intend to give to every child in Reading the best possible chance for developing into useful, happy, and intelligent citizenship. The part of your attendance officer is to have the children in school, so far as possible, every school session, so that none of them will miss this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

ABIGAIL H. MINGO, Attendance Officer.

Reading, Massachusetts.
December 31, 1925.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Adelbert L. Safford, Supt.,
Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir:—Please consider this as my report of the work of the School Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1925:

The present nation-wide enthusiasm for health is developing in educators and parents a broader understanding of the health problems in education. No longer is health considered a supplementary subject in the school program, but is an integral part of every school curriculum. If we consider health education in a restricted sense, we think of it only as that part of the school program which has to do with the formal teaching of health. The present-day use of the term in this sense is erroneous. Health education has come to embrace all phases of school health work and should have as its objective the development of "normal robust children free from defects and disease so far as humanly possible with wholesome ideals built upon a groundwork of healthful habits developed in their early years." The realization of such an objective involves many phases of health work and, if it is to be of value, should carry over into later life. It is not enough to desire the maximum of health during school life. The fruition of the work should result in the general betterment of humanity at large.

With this broad objective in view the work of the medical department has gone on endeavoring to weave its work into the rest of the program of the school of today: a program which seems clearly to be that of developing sound bodies, sound minds, and a normal outlook on life on the part of its pupils.

As stated in last year's report, an increasing amount of time is required for routine work. The enlarged classes felt by individual teachers have meant an aggregate enlarged enrollment for the supervisors. This is noticeable in the amount of time required for making inspections, for weighing and measuring, and for the general follow-up work. I have continued to visit each school once a week; additional calls being made when necessary. The time spent in the school has been devoted to general supervision of the physical condition of the pupils, to supervision of the health instruction, and to personal interviews with individual pupils.

Health work in the schools cannot be divorced from health work in the homes. To be fully successful school health work, particularly that which has to do with the correction of physical defects and with training in the practice of health habits, must be adjusted to meet home

conditions and the needs of home life. The parents and citizens must be brought into close and responsible relationship with the educational system, if the work is to be on a sound and enduring basis. This can be done most effectively through home visiting. Last year visits were made to the homes for various reasons, which I outlined in my report three years ago. The value of "home contacts" cannot be over-estimated. After a visit to a home, it is impossible for me to think of the child apart from that home. This not only is essential but insures a more intelligent handling of the case. Oftentimes deplorable conditions are found in the home and the task thus becomes one of family case work. It is often possible, by referring the case to the right agency, to change conditions and thereby improve the quality of human living.

The purchase of a school car last year by the committee has been a great help in the follow-up work and is much appreciated.

"The committee appointed by the National Education Association to consider the reorganization of secondary education has taken the position that if subject matter is not useful in realizing a specific social objective it should have no place in the curriculum. This point of view has been widely applied and experimental work carried out in various places has indicated the possibility of re-organizing the materials of instruction around health, as well as other social agencies." It is essential that health should not be regarded as an isolated subject, but should be correlated with the other school subjects. While I have attempted to give some suggestions for the correlation of health, the real task of health instruction has been left in the hands of the class room teacher. Each teacher in the elementary grades has been supplied with helpful textbooks and a list of minimum essentials of health instruction expected of the respective grades. Many of the teachers have shown splendid initiative and have done very fine work; all, I feel, realize the importance of permeating the whole school life and work with health motives and practices. If the duties of a school nurse were such that they permitted more time for the supervision of health teaching, as well as the actual teaching of more classes in hygiene, home nursing, etc., perhaps a more systematic arrangement might be effected.

The health work in the Junior High School and Senior High School has always presented a problem. The rigid school programs in the upper grades do not permit of class room discussions and practices as in the lower grades. While hygiene and physiology are taught in the higher grades, there is danger of less integration of health than in the elementary grades. Two achievements in the direction of more health teaching which were made last year are, I feel, worth mentioning. Through the kindness of Mr. Blaisdell, the chapel period in the Junior High School, was, on each third Wednesday, devoted to a health program. Speakers, slides, and films brought a message of health and disease prevention to the children. Also, each week (Monday) I met with a club

group of the Junior High and discussed with them some topic along health lines.

In the Senior High School, the English Department, of which Miss Abbott was the head at that time, co-operated with the Massachusetts Tuberculosis League in a health play-writing contest. Prizes were offered by the National Tuberculosis League for the three best plays submitted from the various states. Reading entered enthusiastically into the contest and while we were unable to compete with the plays submitted to the National, we did gain recognition from the State League. Miss Helen Badger's play "Patent Medicine" was chosen as one of the three plays from the state to be produced at the Copley Theatre, Boston. The success of the contest in Reading was due very largely to the enthusiasm of Miss Abbott.

An effort has been made both by Mrs. Lucas and myself to place before the teachers and pupils the need for further education along accident prevention and "safety first" lines. Miss Greenwood of the Massachusetts Safety Council has on several occasions spoken before the teachers and pupils on methods and means which are being employed throughout the country for the reduction and prevention of accidents. Many of our teachers are using safety slogans, songs, rhymes, and safety plays to get the idea across to the children. There is need, however, of a more adequate system of safety instruction throughout our schools and one which will call for the co-operation and assistance of every pupil, teacher, and supervisor, if it is to be effective.

The Dental Clinic has continued to render a very valuable service to the schools' health work. We have been fortunate in having Dr. Bates with us since the opening of the clinic in 1921. The number of children enrolled and the popularity of the clinic speak much in his favor. Miss Perkins has proved an excellent assistant and is, the committee feels, a valuable asset to the clinic. The increase in the number of days which the clinic operates has been used to good advantage but even yet is not sufficient to cover the demands of a school clinic. Five hundred seventy-four children are now enrolled, with an average of 19 children attending the clinic every Wednesday and Friday.

The Schick clinic, started two years ago, has come to be a part of the annual school health program. In this way children who are entering Reading schools, either in the first grade or from other places where a Schick program is not available, will be given the opportunity of a diphtheria prevention program. The clinic started March 26 with an attendance of 186 children and continued until April 28. While the number of years in which this program has been in operation has been few, the records of the Board of Health show a decrease in the number of cases of diphtheria within the last three years. Whether or not this decrease can be attributed to the Schick program is hard to tell; it is interesting, however, to note that the cases of diphtheria which we have had with this same period have been children who have not

been Schicked and immunized. There is now a similar means of determining a child's susceptibility to scarlet fever and a similar means of prevention. When it seems advisable to add this means of communicable disease control to the health program I am confident that the parents of Reading will receive it with the same support and confidence which they have given the diphtheria prevention program.

With the co-operation of the Visiting Nurse several children who are tuberculosis contacts have been examined at North Reading Sanitorium. Three Reading children are now in Westfield Sanitorium and, as this report goes to press, another is awaiting admission to the sanitorium. Through the service available at North Reading Sanitorium and through the examination clinics conducted annually by the State Department of Health a definite move is made in the direction of tuberculosis prevention by means of detection of incipient and suspicious cases.

We are indebted to the Forsythe Dental Infirmary for its co-operation in our nose and throat work. Through Dr. Cross of the Dental Infirmary arrangements have been made whereby cases may be referred by the Reading Dental Clinic for nose and throat examinations and subsequent tonsil appointments if necessary. The operation is done at the Infirmary for a nominal charge of five dollars. This makes an ideal arrangement where the financial standing of the family will not permit the services of a private nose and throat specialist.

Last summer the Middlesex County Health Association, of which Reading is a contributing member, through its Tuberculosis Committee, operated a health camp at Lake Massapoag, Sharon Heights. The camp was for underweight children and was maintained for a period of eight weeks. Reading was allowed the privilege of sending nine children at the rate of seven dollars per week. The raising of money for this project was undertaken by Mrs. C. C. White, Chairman of the Tuberculosis Committee, and her committee. Much credit is due Mrs. White, for it was mainly through her efforts that enough was raised to send seven children to the camp for the entire eight weeks. Two other children were sent and paid for by their parents, making a total of nine children who enjoyed the experience of eight weeks in a summer health camp.

The continued interest and support of the various local committees especially the Tuberculosis and Red Cross Committees has been a source of inspiration and joy in the work. The confidence and spirit of helpfulness on the part of the various members of the school committee have been gratifying and much appreciated. Loyalty and interest of this kind are stimulating and invigorating.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your sympathetic interest and splendid support of my work.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL M. BROWN, R. N., School Nurse.

READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
CLASS OF 1925

High School Hall
Friday Evening, June twenty-six
at seven forty-five o'clock

PROGRAM

BLUE DANUBE WALTZ — **Strauss**
High School Orchestra

MARCH—Up With the Flag — **Bennett**
High School Orchestra

PRAYER—Rev. Charles F. Lancaster

CHORUS—Waken Lords and Ladies — **Coerne**
High School Chorus

Salutatory
TODAY DECIDES TOMORROW
Dorothy Baker

TORCH ORATION
Robert M. Merritt, Pres. Class of 1925

THE CHALLENGE OF YOUTH
Bruce Cummings, Class Honor

NE QUID NIMIS
Frances Leuchtman, Faculty Honor

SOLO—Invictus — **Huhn**
Inglis Van Buskirk

INTELLECTUAL LIBERTY
Ruth C. Burrows

CHORUS—The Miller's Wooing — **Fanning**
High School Chorus

Valedictory
WANTED, A NEW BIRTH OF PATRIOTISM
Natalie W. Berle

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS
Walter S. Parker, Chairman of School Board

BENEDICTION—Rev. Wellington C. Pixler

MARCH—With the Colors — **Panella**

CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS, 1925

Agricultural

Dearborn, Grant A.
Thaxter, Wardwell Cummings
Turner, Francis W.

General

Anderson, Evelyn Cornelia
Butters, Frank A.
Day, Mary
Deming, Frances M.
Ellis, Daniel Edward
Field, Gilson Lloyd
Hach, Margaret L.
Hoey, Katherine Mary
Lengyel, Charlotte J.
Nelson, Charles Lucian
Pomfret, Stanley Ross
Schrow, Madeline L.
Shannon, Jeanne Elizabeth
Sias, Ralph Gerry
Staeger, Violet G.
Stevens, Ruth Elizabeth
Swain, Doris Natalie
Van Buskirk, Inglis
Warren, Arthur

College

Baker, Dorothy
Batchelder, Ralph F.
Berle, Natalie W.
Burnham, Natalie
Clancy, Almira Elizabeth
Cottle, Wilfred Emmonds
Cox, Eugene Robert
Cummings, Bruce Reid
Daniel, Mary Helen
Dulong, Mildred Madalene
Fenwick, Helen Winifred
Fowler, Elizabeth
Hill, Lawrence Clark
Leuchtman, Frances Miriam
Merritt, Robert Maxwell
Nichols, Benjamin E.
Nutter, Elizabeth
Reichardt, Josephine E.
Richardson, Margaret
Robinson, Phyllis
Rooney, Robert
Thurber, Gretchen Ora
Whitehouse, Esther
Wilson, John Loris

Normal

Turner, Josephine Edith
Upton, Marjorie Luthera
Wilson, Dorothy Mildred

Scientific

Andrews, John Homer
Bronson, Allen Duane
Bruce, Mason B.
Farwell, Howard Peak
Latham, Earle Oliver
Pierpont, Niles
Zwicker, Franklin Wesley

Commercial

Ainsworth, Zelda Frances
Anderson, Herbert D.
Burrows, Ruth C.
Colby, Grace Marion
Doucette, Bernice M.
Doucette, Florence Agnes
Lane, Elinor Pauline
Meuse, Mildred Elizabeth
Morse, Agnes Elizabeth
Nichols, Dorothy Stafford
Patterson, Dorothy
Porter, Gertrude Elizabeth

Drolet, Simonne
Goddard, Florence Lavinia
Godfrey, Clarence Arthur
Gray, Evelyn Averill
Huckins, Susie Rebecca
Runge, Doris May
Skinner, Doris
Smith, Louise
Spillane, Annie
Welch, Myrtle Irene

Special

Doherty, Joseph J.
Gleason, Nahshon

LISTS OF GRADUATES FROM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS 1925

GIRLS

Adden, Ruth
Albee, Eunice
Berle, Dorothy W.
Bangs, Esther F.
Brown, Gladys E.
Brown, Helen M.
Burns, Gladys M.
Carney, Mary
Cate, Lucille A.
Clark, Virginia
Clements, Dorothy A.
Cottle, Marion A.
Cummings, Dorothy
Curtis, Grace C.
Daniels, Irene
Demain, Mildred
Downs, Esther
Duval, Susanne
Faulkner, Doris
Frost, Ruth
Fowler, Susann
Gadbois, Ruth A.
Gleaser, Anna
Glynn, Helen
Goodwin, Grace A.
Gray, Gwendolyn
Gray, Thelma I.
Haley, Lois B.
Hastings, Harriet M.
Howard, Margaret E.
Hatfield, Helen C.
Hyde, Ruth
Holmes, Pearl E.
Ives, Natalie V.
MacConney, Grace
Martin, Viola M.
Marchetti, Helen
Melendy, Helen F.
Merrill, Barbara
Meuse, Doris S.
Meuse, Irene M.
Meuse, Teresa M.
Mixon, Gwendolyn
McDowell, Mona
Monroe, Beulah
Nodding, Ruth
Noyes, Elsie C.
Nyman, Hazel
Perry, Virginia C.
Pierce, Barbara M.
Porter, Lillian M.
Remick, Helen
Richardson, Violet M.
Ricker, Grace
Riley, Eleanor G.
Spencer, Elizabeth
Shannon, Louise C.
Spillane, Barbara
St. Cyr, Teresa M.
Stevens, Elizabeth
Starke, Phyllis H.
Stone, Lilly P.
Surrette, Esther E.
Sullivan, Evelyn E.
Taylor, Eleanor D.
Tolman, Stella K.
Tucker, Virginia S.
Turner, Delma H.
Turner, Doris F.

Kerr, Dorothy
Lane, Martha
Lumsden, Jeanette
Knight, Barbara F.
Van Stone, Eleanor
White, Anna M.
Williamson, Hope R.
Wilson, Anna L.

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BOYS

Beaton, John A.
Bedley, Robert A.
Bowman, Donald B.
Boyce, Robert J.
Bredbury, Malcolm S.
Brown, Rodney W., Jr.
Burrage, Edward B.
Carter, James C.
Carter, William D.
Chesley, Richard B.
Condon, David P.
Connelly, John
Crowe, Oren L.
Cummings, Gerald E.
Dewey, Donald L.
Ellison, Chester A.
Driver, Robert A.
Dunn, Edmund T.
Gleaser, George G.
Goff, Walter W.
Gray, Alton M.
Gray, Warren
Harrow, Charles S.
Hatch, George F.
Herrick, Edward F.
Hill, Herbert L.
Hubbard, Donald J.
Horton, Bryce B.
Johnson, Donald F.
Johnson, Theron C.
Knowlton, Ambrose
Kjersgard, Wilfred C.
Landry, Francis E.
Lewis, Harold D.
Martin, Henry T.
Meaney, George
McLeod, Lawrence M.
Merrill, Francis E.
Mercer, James R.
Meuse, Leonard F.
Milton, William H.
Munnis, Eldridge
Nelson, Albert P.
MacSorley, Edward
O'Brien, Edward A.
Parsons, Roger
Phillips, Edward
Pierpont, Arnold C.
Playdon, George
Poore, Harvey P.
Richards, Edward
Robinson, William
Rogers, Elbert H.
Rolfe, H. Nelson
Scott, Robert
Sheehan, Edward
Small, Donald M.
Small, Robert E.
Smith, Roger
Soule, Robert L.
Spavin, Robert S.
Ten Broeck, Charles W.
Terhune, Douglas
Thornton, James H.
Turner, Harold M.
Van Horn, Jesse L.
Walker, Frederick C.
Westcott, Henry J.
Wilson, John M.
Young, Wilmer
Zwicker, Leland

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DEC. 31, 1925, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR APPOINTED

Also Enrollment for Four Months Ending December 31, 1925

School	Grades or Subject	Names of Teachers	Where Educated	Year Appointed	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
High School	Principal	Rudolf Sussmann, B. S.	*Conn. & Mass. Agr. Colleges	1917	$3200	552	538.28	5 4.56	95.5
	Biology, Civics	Mona L. Ames, A. B.	*St. Lawrence University	1924	1400				
	Coach, Phys. Tr., Civ., Heal., Sci.	Joseph A. Aldred, B. S.	*Bowdoin College	1925	2100				
	Com. Geog., Eng. Business Prac.	Elizabeth A. Batchelder	*Salem Normal	1916	1800				
	Manual Training, Mech. Dr	Alfred Boehm	*Trade School, Germany	1920	2100				
	English	Clarissa I. Brown, B. S.	*Gorham Normal, Boston Univ.	1924	1400				
	Sten. and Type. Business Prac,	Elva A. Buckley	*Bay Path Institute	1924	1600				
	Head Eng. Dept.	Lyla R. Davis, B. A.	*Ohio Wesleyan University	1925	1800				
	B'kkeeping, Pen	Alberta F. Drury	*Salem and Posse Normal	1917	1800				
	Head Sten. and Type. Dept.	E. Frances Greenhalgh	*Willimantic Nor., Bay Path Inst.	1914	1800				
	Math., German,	Luke Halpin, A. B.	*Bowdoin College	1922	2100				
	Spanish, German	Lillian Jefts, B. A.	*St. Lawrence University	1917	1800				
	French and Voc. Latin	Helen G. Kershaw, A. B.	*Radcliffe College	1919	1800				
	Sec'y to Supt., Mgr. Lunch Rm Attend. Officer, Health	Abigail H. Mingo, A. B.	*Boston Univ., Chandler Sec	1918	1900				
	Girls' Coach and Phys. Training	Lydia A. Nelson, A. B.	*Syracuse University	1925	1700				
	Head Math. Dept	Carl E. Palmer, A. B.	*Augustana College	1924	2100				
	Head Sci. Dept.	Frederick J. Pope, B. S.	*Colby College	1922	2100				
	Head Fren. Dept.	Marian T. Pratt, A. B.	*Wellesley College	1919	1800				
	Latin Dept.	Mildred B. Sussmann, A. B.	*Radcliffe College	1919	1800				
	History, A. B.	Russell P. Taylor, A. B.	*Bates College	1922	2200				
	French, English	Elenor L. Warren. A. B	Wellesley College	1925	1500				
	Agriculture	Herman T. Wheeler, B. S.	*Mass. Agricultural College	1924	1900				
	Stand.. Guidance	Ida C. Lucas	*Worcester Normal	1917	1800				
	Drawing Super.	M. Adeline Lahaise	*Mass. Normal Art	1919	1700				
	Music Super.	J. Albert Wilson	*Harvard College, 3 yrs.	1920	1500				

* Has taken courses of college grade and graduate work at B. U., Simmons, Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, or at Normal Schools

School	Grade or Subject	Teacher	Where Educated	Year Appointed	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
Highland and Junior High	Principal	Raymond W. Blaisdell, A. B.	*Bates College	1922	3000				
	Mathematics	Emma S. Page	*N. H. State Normal	1899	1800				
	French, Phys. Tr.	Ramona Beil	*Mt. Ida School	1924	1400				
	Dom. Science	Elizabeth Chalmers	*H. S. Practical Arts	1924	1400				
	Gen. Science	Marion Day	*Courses at Bates S. S.	1924	1500	38	35.65	34.46	96.64
	Drw, Music, Math	Eleanor F. Emerson	*Salem Normal	1915	1500	50	49.62	48.15	97.04
	Manual Training	Lyman E. Fancy	*Mass. Nor. Art	1918	1900				
	Hist., Civics and Social Science	Lestina M. Goddard	*Gorham Normal	1920	1500				
	English	Alice E. Hood	*Concord, N. H., Training School	1902	1500	36	35.67	34.43	96.23
	Sewing	Rita Lahaise	*Boston Trade School	1921	1500				
	Jr. Mathematics	Inez H. Lewis	*Gorham Normal	1923	1500	36	36.	34.76	96.56
	Phys. Tr., Hyg'ne	Kenneth Lucas, S. B.	*Mass. Inst. of Technology	1925	1700				
	Geo., Music, Soc. Sta.	Louise B. Maxwell	*Bridgewater Normal	1920	1500	49	47.82	46.21	96.63
	Pen., Soc. Studies	Ida F. Spencer	*Farmington, Me., Normal	1925	1500				
	English	Doris G. Vaughan, A. B.	*Tufts College	1925	1500	35	34.21	33.46	97.77
	Phys. Training, Bus. Practice	Ethel S. Williams	*Salem Normal	1922	1500	48	46.92	45.39	94.42
Grades	Grade 5	Margaret Whittier	*Salem Normal	1916	1400	51	50.	50.	96.
	Grade 5	Matilda J. Gamble	*High School	1920	1400	52	50.21	46.47	94.55
	Grade 6	Carolyn C. Grace	*No. Adams Normal	1919	1400	55	52.66	50.26	92.37
	Grade 6	A. Louise Fogg	*Colby College (2 yrs.)	1920	1400	55	54.15	52.18	96.73
Centre	Prin. Grade 3	M. Grace Wakefield	*Salem Normal	1890	1700	48	46.56	43.99	92.31
	Grade 4	Vera Buckle, A. B.	*Boston University	1915	1400	55	53.03	50.03	94.27
	Grade 3	Glenna Dow	*Hyannis S. S.	1919	1400	41	39.36	37.49	95.25
	Grade 4	Helen G. Quinlan	Salem Normal	1915	1400	62	54.07	51.71	95.14
	Grade 2	Alberta Mathieson	Salem Normal	1924	1400	49	46.28	43.37	93.89
	Opport. Room	Grace Nichols	*Wheelock Training	1924	1400	18	16.11	15.10	93.73

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ALSO ENROLLMENT FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925 (Continued)

Lowell St.	Prin. Grade 3	Nellie P. Beaton	*Danvers High	1919	1600	23	22.	20.54	93.35
	Grade 4	Nellie P. Beaton				24	20.05	19.22	95.77
	Grade 1	Winifred Cochrane	*Plymouth, N, H., Normal	1919	1400	44	39.92	37.56	90.16
	Grade 2	Maybelle T. Hay	*School of Expression	1925	1400	37	35.51	32.68	93.03
	Grade 5	Annie G. Quillen	*Salem Normal	1916	1400	23	23.	22.24	95.
	Grade 6	Annie G. Quillen				23	23.	22.62	98.
Union St.	Prin. Grade 2	Elizabeth Aldred, B. S.	*Tea. College, Col. Univ.	1925	1600	49	47.92	43.91	91.58
	Grade 1	Marietta V. Berry	N. Y. Training	1925	1300	47	45.05	40.83	90.64
	Grade 1	Addie A. Copeland	*High School, plus ext. courses	1925	1000	49	45.	39.6	88.
	Grade 1	Marion H. Morgan	*Bridgewater Normal	1904	1400	51	49.86	46.48	93.26
Prospect St.	Prin. Grade 2	Ada E. Dow	*High School, plus courses	1909	1600	32	30.06	30.03	95.45
	Grade 3	Ada E. Dow				20	20.	17.70	91.76
	Grade 1	Marion H. Adams	*Wheelock Training	1918	1400	41	40.03	32.12	91.31
	Grades 5-6	Dorothy Mudgett	*Keene Normal	1924	1400	48	45.98	44.15	95.88
	Grades 4-5	Olive S. Perry	*Wheelock Training	1916	1400	46	40.99	38 92	95.11
Chestnut Hill	Prin. Grade 1	Isabelle P. Kissock	*High School, Dean Academy	1911	1600	12	12.	11.13	92.75
	Grade 2	Isabelle P. Kissock				12	11.33	10.77	95.05
	Grade 3	Isabelle P. Kissock				8	8.	7.15	89.37
	Grade 4	Genevieve Quinlan	Salem Normal	1921	1400	12	10.90	10.66	97.79
	Grade 5	Genevieve Quinlan				17	16.67	15.71	94.24

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BUDGET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF READING, 1926

1926 Estimated Appropriation		Expended 1925	Expended 1924	Expended 1923
	GENERAL ACCOUNT: SALARIES			
	1. Salaries—Teachers' and Supt.'	$107,420.79	$102,635.39	$ 99,088.58
	2. Janitors'	9,019.00	8,078.00	6,609.50
	3. Other Salaries			
	Attendance Officer	400.00	350.00	
	Medical Inspector	500.00	500.00	400.00
	School Nurse	1,600.00	1,500.00	1,400.00
$135,776.00	Total Salaries	$118,939.79	$113,063.69	$107,498.08
4,000.00	4. Transportation of Pupils	3,228.90	2,756.25	1,742.50
260.00	5. School Tuition		37.15	
4,500.00	6. Books	4,906.33	3,138.98	3,440.14
6,000.00	7. Supplies for Pupils	5,757.59	5,144.12	5,051.62
2,000.00	8. Apparatus for Teaching	835.08	690.00	1,354.28
2,500.00	9. General Expense:			
	Printing and Advertising	368.67	138.79	210.42
	Office Supplies	261.18	312.57	252.97
	Telephones	493.77	410.27	429.69
	Graduation, Miscellaneous	114.36	172.55	157.37
	Supt.'s Expense	114.52	14.00	129.64
	Lectures, Public Meetings		34.50	15.00
	Insurance			
	Supervisor's Expense	986.83	51.00	50.25
		$ 2,341.33	$ 1,133.68	$ 1,245.34

BUDGET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT (Continued)

1926 Estimated Appropriation		Expended 1925	Expended 1924	Expended 1923
$ 8,000.00	10. Fuel	$ 7,126.73	$ 7,195.67	$ 8,846.31
	11. Building Maintenance			
1,000.00	Gas and Electricity	976.14	787.67	1,045.12
1,700.00	Water and Sewer	1,524.60	1,407.60	688.70
500.00	Trucking, etc.	373.40	334.87	446.11
1,400.00	Janitors' Supplies	1,264.26	1,316.96	1,243.43
		$ 4,138.40	$ 3,847.10	$ 3,423.36
12,968.00	12. Repairs		14,524.42	
	Buildings	7,862.36		7,159.88
	Furniture	1,668.40		3,297.70
	Grounds	883.20		291.70
		$ 10,413.96	$ 14,524.42	$ 10,749.28
44,828.00	TOTAL FOR MAINTENANCE	$ 38,747.32	$ 38,467.37	$ 35,852.82
180,604.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES—General	$157,513.86	$151,531.06	$143,350.90
	Receipts not from tax levy:	$11,925.00	$11,935.00	$11,546.85
	State Reimbursement, Chap. 70, G. L.			
	Tuition, etc.	8,399.21	5,989.01	
	Due, but not paid	714.03	1,580.65	2,155.21

AGRICULTURAL ACCOUNT

$ 3,200.00	1. Teachers', Supt.'s, and Janitors' Salaries	$ 3,615.78	$ 4,367.75	$ 4,426.50
	Smith-Hughes' Fund	287.58		
	2. Light, Fuel, Repairs		70.76	
500.00	3. Books, Apparatus, Supplies	230.48	400.42	328.98
	Paid for Veterans' Books, Supplies			670.12
		$ 4,133.84	$ 4,838.93	$ 5,425.60
	Receipts not from tax levy:			6,603.14
	State Aid to Industrial Schools	877.74	1,000.83	
	Smith-Hughes Fund	287.58	296.06	
	Tuition	2,082.67	3,050.35	
	Due, but not paid	442.11	211.93	1,391.40

INDUSTRIAL TUITION

$ 800.00	Tuition paid	$ 585.77	$ 675.00	$ 767.60
	Reimbursement from State	408.46	315.01	176.50
500.00	Evening School			

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

General Account

Transportation:		
Eastern Mass. St. Railway Co.	$ 1,400.00	
George H. Adams	508.00	
James Mason	1,320.90	
		$ 3,228.90
Books:		
Allyn & Bacon	103.76	
American Book Co.	350.85	
The Arlo Pub. Co.	7.37	
American Child Health Assn.	5.00	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	90.82	
Bacon & Vincent Co.	2.20	
F. J. Barnard & Co.	199.70	
M. Barrows & Co.	19.51	
C. C. Birchard & Co.	81.65	
Bureau of Vocational Information	3.70	
The Bruce Pub. Co.	29.90	
The Century Co.	212.26	
The Davis Press	4.50	
Oliver Ditson Co.	7.79	
Dodd, Mead & Co.	5.80	
E. P. Dutton Co.	1.68	
Educators' Association	11.60	
Ginn and Company	395.24	
Mason D. Gray	8.64	
Gregg Publishing Co.	101.16	
W. S. Guiler	1.18	
C. S. Hammond & Co.	58.08	
Harcourt, Brace & Co.	136.03	
Harvard Co-operative Society	1.35	
D. C. Heath & Co.	333.63	
Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge	1.43	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	228.60	
B. W. Huebsch, Inc.	3.43	
Iroquois Pub. Co.	4.10	
Johnson Publishing Co.	6.00	
Joint Committee on Preventing Del., Inc.	4.70	
Alfred A. Knopf	5.48	
Laidlaw Brothers	6.59	
Charles E. Lauriat Co.	136.44	
J. B. Lippincott Co.	26.61	
Little, Brown & Co.	3.29	

Longmans, Green & Co.	2.94	
Lyons & Carnahan	117.36	
The Macmillan Co.	180.85	
Rand, McNally Co.	31.31	
Marshall Jones Co.	4.63	
Mass. Bible Society	34.10	
Charles E. Merrill Co.	91.42	
New Eng. Pub. Co., Journal of Educ.	1.00	
Old Corner Book Store	135.15	
A. N. Palmer Co.	8.60	
The Papercrafters, Inc.	4.12	
G. P. Putnam's Sons	4.85	
Isaac Pitman & Sons	1.98	
Public School Publishing Co.	6.50	
W. F. Quarrie & Co.	2.70	
Regents Publishing Co.	10.88	
The Republic Publishing Co.	4.00	
The Ronald Press	4.19	
Harold Rugg	179.24	
The Rural New Yorker	1.00	
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.	162.44	
Porter Sargent	11.00	
Schoenhof's	2.50	
Scott, Foresman Co.	82.96	
Charles Scribner's Sons	88.10	
E. C. Shirmer Music Co.	5.51	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	70.81	
So. Western Pub. Co.	13.60	
George Sully & Co.	1.50	
Supt. of Documents	.50	
The Survey	13.00	
Teachers College	27.77	
The Univ. Supply & Book Co.	9.90	
The University of Chicago Press	4.14	
Warwick & York, Inc.	13.93	
John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	2.48	
C. F. Williams & Son, Inc.	9.13	
H. W. Wilson Co.	6.00	
John C. Winston Co.	49.74	
The Woman Citizen	3.50	
The Woman's Press	3.50	
World Book Co.	897.43	
		$ 4,906.33

Supplies for Pupils:

Adams Company	$ 3.99	
Mona L. Ames	10.61	

G. H. Atkinson Co.	2.79
Edw. E. Babb & Co.	580.18
Walter H. Baker Co.	6.75
Wendell Bancroft Co.	11.26
Berry & Withington Co.	14.34
Milton Bradley	149.94
Joseph Breck & Sons	6.60
James W. Brine Co.	38.00
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co.	6.70
M. F. Charles	1.00
College Ent. Exam. Board	.20
Courtis Standard Research Tests	5.13
Marion Day	28.23
C. L. Demming	5.10
Oliver Ditson Co.	41.00
H. W. Dubois & Co.	44.10
W. R. Elliott Co.	94.24
Esterbrook Steel Pen Mfg. Co.	34.06
Francis Brothers	29.77
Otis Carl Funderburk	10.00
Ginn and Company	297.03
The Gregg Writer	2.00
J. L. Hammett Co.	2,728.28
George E. Horrocks	4.90
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	26.63
Harris & Gilpatric	235.22
Howe & French	156.55
Iroquois Publishing Co.	173.38
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	37.42
Jordan, Marsh Co.	27.25
William H. Kelch	.72
Mrs. W. E. King	20.00
Charles Knapp	2.00
Laidlaw Brothers	14.82
Lyons & Carnahan	26.49
C. Leroy Lyons	9.68
H. B. McArdle	236.76
McIntosh Publishing Co.	1.48
Jennie Mackie	.75
E. F. Mahady	5.06
Masterleaf Record Book Co.	.75
W. W. Newhouse	1.00
The Office Appliance Co.	30.83
Grace C. Nichols	1.50
J. C. Oxley	.35
Parker & Page Co.	149.73
The Papercrafters, Inc.	14.70

Public School Publishing Co.	19.84	
Rand, McNally Co.	47.47	
A. Rothe	8.40	
E. W. A. Rowles	15.50	
Ryan & Buker	7.60	
Royal Laundry Service	1.40	
H. A. Shepard Co.	5.00	
Bernice Smith	15.00	
Leon T. Tarpin	5.41	
Teachers College	2.40	
F. Wallace	.50	
Ward's	2.55	
Wellesley Press, Inc.	2.75	
West Disinfecting Co.	35.55	
W. H. Willis	6.45	
World Book Co.	231.38	
Wright & Ditson	21.12	
		$ 5,757.59

Apparatus for Teaching:

Central Scientific Co.	263.90	
Clapp & Leach	3.50	
Mrs. Charles A. Damon	5.00	
J. B. Howard	11.55	
Howe & French, Inc.	13.74	
Scientific Materials Co.	3.74	
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., & Son	3.65	
The Office Appliance Co.	200.00	
Royal Typewriter Co.	90.00	
Underwood Tpyewriter Co.	240.00	
		$ 835.08

Office Supplies and Printing and Advertising:

J. Albert	4.50
M. F. Charles	1.20
College Entrance Exam. Board	1.80
J. L. Hammett Co.	2.99
Joint Com. on Prevent. Delinquency	.50
The Kardex Co.	112.40
H. M. Meserve & Co.	13.05
National Coun. for Prevention of War	2.13
New Eng. Pub. Co.	18.00
New Eng. Voca. Guid. Assn.	2 00
The Office Appliance Co.	12.19
Paulson Products Corp.	9.75
H. A. Shepard & Co.	12.28

Myrtle W. Tilton	2.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	365.47	
Univ. of Chicago, Dept. of Educ.	2.50	
United States Post Office	44.12	
Ward's	3.85	
Wensell & Co.	11.00	
Wright & Potter Printing Co.	8.12	
		$ 629.85

Telephones:

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	493.77	

Graduation:

Adams Company	7.26	
Alberta F. Drury	7.00	
Mary E. Hilton	32.40	
Jordan, Marsh Co.	19.80	
William F. O'Brien	3.00	
Reading Greenhouses & Nurseries	3.90	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	41.00	
		$ 114.36

Supervisors' Expense:

American Medical Assn.	3.00	
Mabel M. Brown	21.75	
Cummings Express Co.	10.50	
George W. Davis	1.20	
L. W. Dickinson & Son	9.00	
Francis Brothers	5.89	
Hodson Brothers	4.50	
Alex Lindsay	4.00	
Ida C. Lucas	31.90	
The Modern Hospital Pub. Co.	5.00	
Mothercraft Headquarters	8.15	
Municipal Light Board	49.34	
Reading Motor Co.	791.40	
Sumner H. Remick	5.00	
Safe Roads Federation	1.00	
Fred F. Smith	16.95	
S. R. Stembridge	18.25	
		$ 986.83

Superintendent's Expense:

American Education Digest	3.00
Dept. of Educ., Univ. of Chicago	2.50
High School Prin. Assn. of Mass.	3.00

The Independent	3.00	
National Com. for Mental Hygiene	3.00	
National Safety Council	35.00	
Dept. of Supt. Nat. Education Assn.	35.00	
New England Assn. of Col. & Sec. Schs.	2.00	
Progressive Education Assn.	2.00	
Public School Publishing Co.	4.00	
H. A. Shepard Co.	10.02	
The Science Press	5.00	
The Survey	5.00	
Teachers Journal & Abstract	2.00	
		$ 114.52
Fuel:		
Percy N. Sweetser	7,102.73	
O. P. Symonds & Sons	24.00	
		$ 7,126.73
Gas and Electricity:		
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co.	186.99	
Municipal Light Board	789.15	
		$ 976.14
Sewer and Water:		
Town of Reading, Sewer Dept.	695.40	
Town of Reading, Water Dept.	829.20	
		$ 1,524.60
Ashes and Trucking:		
American Railway Express Co.	30.73	
Harold W. Batchelder	2.00	
Cummings Express Co.	127.98	
William Kelch	9.50	
G. T. Lewis	124.94	
Percy N. Sweetser	5.00	
Zanni & Co.	73.25	
		$ 373.40
Janitors' Supplies:		
Andrews Paper Co.	7.50	
G. H. Atkinson Co.	36.68	
M. F. Charles	.75	
The Cudahy Packing Co.	4.40	
H. I. Dallman Co.	324.10	
C. L. Demming	.40	
G. B. Dolge Co.	45.71	

Food Sales & Warehouse	27.60	
Francis Brothers	120.71	
J. L. Hammett Co.	41.50	
Harris & Gilpatric	62.50	
The Norman C. Hayner Co.	116.50	
Hodson Brothers	96.42	
Samuel Lewis	60.76	
Ira S. Noyes	48.90	
Edward Patten	19.00	
J. Fred Richardson	1.05	
Ryan & Buker	32.50	
Fred F. Smith	28.00	
The Sterlings Products Co.	123.85	
Stone & Forsyth Co.	11.75	
Inglis, VanBuskirk	17.60	
F. Wallace	2.68	
W. H. Willis	1.05	
G. H. Worcester & Co.	14.85	
Young's Store	17.50	
		$ 1,264.26

Repairs:

Buildings—Furniture—Grounds

Allen Shade Holder Co.	171.98	
American Type Founders Co.	6.98	
O. W. Austin	2.25	
Edw. E. Babb & Co.	107.55	
Wendell Bancroft Co.	31.28	
Bangs Fixture Co.	6.80	
Boston Metal Ceiling Co.	345.00	
Boston Sculpture Co.	17.00	
M. M. Carter	31.50	
Clapp & Leach	223.54	
Leonard Clarkson	6.60	
F. M. Crosby	27.75	
E. B. Currell & Son	98.74	
Mathew Devaney	188.00	
Hugh L. Eames	5.00	
Edgerley & Bessom	2.00	
T. C. Fife	632.82	
Francis Brothers	6.00	
The Fyr Fyter Co.	106.92	
Edward P. Garbati	75.00	
C. A. Gates & Co.	376.00	
F. G. Hall	2.80	
J. L. Hammett Co.	830.94	

Heywood-Wakefield Co.	14.70
The Hodge Boiler Works	416.01
Hodson Brothers	711.85
The Kardex Co.	388.37
B. J. Leathers	14.75
R. W. LeBaron	15.00
George W. Marshall	28.83
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., & Son	338.46
D. O. Miller & Co.	287.58
Municipal Light Board	758.99
J. A. Murphy	12.35
John Muse	34.50
New England Sales Co.	25.73
Nightingale & Childs	583.69
Dana F. Perkins	91.00
Harvey Quigley	511.35
Reading Custom Laundry	5.85
Reading Greenhouses & Nurseries	70.50
Reading High School Lunch	15.00
Reformatory for Women	75.79
Royal Laundry Service	.75
Royal Typewriter Co.	10.85
P. J. Seaman	2.50
Fred F. Smith	62.50
The Standard Electric Time Co.	27.19
H. G. Stewart & Co.	2,401.50
Percy N. Sweetser	167.15
O. P. Symonds & Sons	2.40
Wales Adding Machine Co.	11.46
Wrought Iron Range Co.	8.91
Zanni & Co.	17.00
	$ 10,413.96

AGRICULTURAL ACCOUNT

Books and Supplies:

American Book Co.	$ 1.58
Allen Shade Holder Co.	11.24
Edward E. Babb & Co.	8.33
Wendall Bancroft Co.	2.50
Milton Bradley Co.	7.33
The Century Co.	4.98
M. F. Charles	.15
DeWolfe & Fiske Co.	16.00

Oliver Ditson Co.	7.56	
J. L. Hammett Co.	5.68	
Harper & Brothers	2.22	
D. C. Heath & Co.	3.29	
Hodson Brothers	6.23	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	.93	
The Keystone View Co.	4.66	
The Lincoln School-Teachers College	.35	
H. B. McArdle	5.00	
The Macmillan Co.	24.18	
Market Growers Journal	1.50	
Mass. Agric. College	9.00	
H. M. Meserve & Co.	1.70	
D. O. Miller Co.	1.65	
Modern Poultry Breeder	3.75	
The Potter Press	1.60	
Reliable Poultry Journ. Pub. Co.	2.00	
Sanford Mills	1.43	
Fred F. Smith	22.95	
The Tablet & Ticket Co.	7.99	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	15.00	
Waldo Brothers & Bond Co.	2.00	
F. Wallace	2.60	
A. W. Wiley	43.10	
Williams Book Store	2.00	
		$ 230.48

INDUSTRIAL TUITION ACCOUNT

Tuition Paid:

City of Boston	$ 517.87	
City of Somerville	46.15	
Wakefield School Dept.	21.75	
		$ 585.77

Thirty-first Annual Report

OF THE

Electric Light Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31

1925

OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

WILLIAM G. LONG, Chairman ..... Resigned Dec. 31, 1925
HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman ..... Term expires 1926
HERBERT G. EVANS, Secretary ..... Term expires 1927
HARRY P. BAKER ..... Term expires 1928

Manager

ARTHUR G. SIAS

Office

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board:—
Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith my report of the operations of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Electric Operating Revenues

Metered Sales to Private Consumers:		
Lighting	$103,285.92	
Power	34,008.76	
Cooking and Heating	19,367.32	
		$156,662.00
Flat Rate Sales to Private Consumers:		
Private Street Lights		540.75
Municipal Revenues:		
Street Lighting—Reading	$ 11,000.00	
Street Lighting—Lynnfield Centre	1,763.65	
Street Lighting—North Reading	3,766.40	
Street Lighting—Wilmington	7,544.30	
Municipal Lighting—Reading	1,614.67	
Municipal Power—Reading	2,436.86	
Power sold to Wakefield	42.12	
Power sold to Lowell Elect. Lt. Corp.	121.97	
		$ 28,289.97
Total Revenue from Sales of Electric Energy		$185,492.72
Rent from Property Used in Operation:		
Rental of Pole Lines		473.25
Total Electric Operating Revenues		$185,965.97

OPERATING EXPENSES—ELECTRIC

Production

Operation:		
Superintendence and Labor	$21,892.19	
Boiler Fuel	40,301.89	
Water for Steam	188.53	
Lubricants	260.33	
Station Supplies and Expenses	993.05	
		$ 63,635.99

Maintenance:		
Maintenance of Station Structures	$ 326.74	
Maintenance of Boiler Plant Equipment	7,845.00	
Maintenance of Turbo Generator Units	503.53	
Maintenance of Electric Generating Equip.	61.58	
Maintenance of Accessory Electric Equip.	94.64	
Maintenance of Misc. Power Plant Equip.		$ 8,831.49
Electric Energy Purchased		672.62
Total Production Expenses		$ 73,140.10
Transmission, Distribution and Storage		
Operation:		
Operation of Transmission and Distribution Lines	$ 11,622.80	
Transmission and Distribution Supplies and Expenses	625.39	
Inspecting and Testing Meters	1,212.51	
Removing and Resetting Meters	860.19	
Removing and Resetting Transformers	511.24	
		$ 14,832.13
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution Lines	$ 7,935.82	
Maintenance of Consumers Meters	152.17	
Maintenance of Transformers	198.18	$ 8,286.17
Total Transmission, Distribution & Storage Expense		$ 23,118.30
Utilization		
Operation:		
Municipal Street Lamps—Labor	$ 1,083.32	
Municipal Street Lamps—Supplies & Exp.	1,751.29	
		$ 2,834.61
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of Municipal Street Lamps	$ 906.24	
Maintenance of Commercial Lighting Equip.		
Maintenance of Consumers' Installations	1,413.40	$ 2,319.64
Total Utilization Expenses		$ 5,154.25
Commercial		
Commercial Salaries	$ 8,899.27	
Commercial Supplies and Expenses	1,199.42	
Total Commercial Expenses		$ 10,098.69

New Business		
New Business Salaries	$ 1,859.29	
New Business Supplies and Expenses		
Advertising	1,117.50	
Wiring and Appliances		
Total New Business Expenses		$ 2,976.79
General and Miscellaneous		
Salary of Manager	$ 3,869.86	
Salaries of General Office Clerks	2,809.83	
General Office Supplies and Expenses	1,926.57	
Law Expense—General		
Insurance	4,184.75	
Accidents and Damages	11.60	
Store Expenses	274.58	
Transportation Expenses	2,775.80	
Inventory Adjustments	2,565.98	
Depreciation	21,102.86	
Miscellaneous General Expense	2,694.50	
Total General and Miscellaneous Expenses		$ 42,216.33
Grand Total Operating Expenses		$156,704.46
Income Statement for the Year		
Operating Income:		
Operating Revenues	$185,965.97	
Operating Expenses	156,704.46	
Net Operating Revenue		$ 29,261.51
Uncollectible Operating Revenue	$ 41.05	
Taxes Assignable to Electric Operations	537.23	578.28
Net Operating Income		$ 28,683.23
Non-Operating Income:		
Merchandise and Jobbing Revenue	$ 497.89	
Interest Income	141.05	
Total Non-Operating Income		$ 638.94
Gross Income		$ 29,322.17
Deductions from Gross Income:		
Interest on Bonds and Notes	$ 5,482.46	
Total Deductions from Gross Income		$ 5,482.46
Income Balance trans. to Profit and Loss		$ 23,839.71

Profit and Loss Statement

Credit Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Period ..		$ 38,026.33
Credit Balance Transferred from Income Acct.		23,839.71
Other Deductions from Surplus (Bonds and Notes Paid)	$ 13,800.00	
Balance carried forward to Balance Sheet	48,066.04	
Total	$ 61,866.04	$ 61,866.04

COMPARATIVE GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Investments

Balance at beginning of year		Balance at close of year	Net Change
$357,818.09	Plant Investment	$375,092.04	$ 17,273.95
5,380.75	General Equipment	6,762.75	1,382.00
$363,198.84	Total Investments	$381,854.79	$ 18,655.95

Current Assets

$ 2,236.21	Cash	$ 150.00	$ 2,086.21
1,507.10	Special Deposits	1,241.75	265.35
24,548.19	Accounts Receivable	35,066.44	10,518.25
41,440.54	Materials and Supplies	42,807.89	1,367.35
$ 69,732.04	Total Current Assets	$ 79,266.08	$ 9,534.04

Prepaid Accounts

$ 1,688.22	Prepaid Insurance	$ 850.66	$ 837.56
$ 1,688.22	Total Prepaid Accounts	$ 850.66	$ 837.56
$434,619.10	Grand Total	$461,971.53	$ 27,352.43

COMPARATIVE GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES

Balance at beginning of year		Balance at close of year	Net Change
	Appropriations		
$ 30,678.26	Appropriations for Construction	$ 30,678.26	

	Bonds and Notes Payable		
$107,500.00	Bonds	$ 98,000.00	**9,500.00**
17,800.00	Notes Payable	13,500.00	**4,300.00**
$125,300.00	Total Bonds and Notes Payable	$111,500.00	**$ 13,800.00**
	Current Liabilities		
$ 15,811.52	Accounts Payable	$ 27,391.40	$ 11,579.88
1,507.10	Consumers' Deposits	1,241.75	**265.35**
$ 17,318.62	Total Current Liabilities	$ 28,633.15	$ 11,314.53
	Accrued Liabilities		
$ 1,341.94	Interest Accrued	$ 1,191.90	$ **151.04**
1,353.95	Insurance—Other Accrued Liabilities—Loan from Treasurer	7,503.18	6,149.23
$ 2,695.89	Total Accrued Liabilities	$ 8,694.08	$ 5,998.19
	Appropriated Surplus		
$220,600.00	Loans Repayment	$234,400.00	$ 13,800.00
$220,600.00	Total Appropriated Surplus	$234,400.00	$ 13,800.00
	Profit and Loss		
$ 38,026.33	Profit and Loss—Balance	$ 48,066.04	$ 10,039.71
$434,619.10	Grand Total	$461,971.53	$ 27,352.43

PLANT INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS—ELECTRIC

	Balance at beginning of year	Additions during year	Depreciation, Other Credits during year	Balance at close of year
Plant Investment				
Land	$ 2,575.80	$	$	$ 2,575.80
Structures	20,898.06	2.03		20,900.09
Boiler Plant Equipment	36,915.30	4,457.78	2,953.23	38,419.85
Prime Movers & Auxiliaries	17,875.51		1,430.04	16,445.47
Turbo Generator Units	27,875.51		2,230.04	25,645.47
Electric Plant—Steam	19,648.67	1,424.19	1,571.89	19,500.97
Poles, Fixtures & Overhead Conductors	147,585.12	23,165.35	8,855.10	161,895.37
Consumers' Meters	34,192.85	3,371.48	1,367.72	36,196.61
Consumers' Meter Installation	4,333.12	662.00	173.32	4,821.80
Line Transformers	32,102.22	3,699.47	1,605.11	34,196.58
Transformer Installation	3,341.78	180.00	167.09	3,354.69

Street Lighting Equipment	10,474.15	1,120.52	749.32	10,845.35
Consumers' Premises Equip.		293.99		293.99
Total Plant Investment	$357,818.09	$ 38,376.81	$ 21,102.86	$375,092.04
General Equipment				
Office Equipment	$ 2,905.75	$ 381.50	$ 474.50	$ 2,812.75
Transportation Equipment	2,475.00	2,500.00	1,025.00	3,950.00
Total General Equipment	$ 5,380.75	$ 2,881.50	$ 1,499.50	$ 6,762.75
Total Cost of All Property	$363,198.84	$ 41,258.31	$ 22,602.36	$381,854.79

TOTAL COST OF PLANT

Cost of Land	$ 2,575.80	
Cost of Structures	27,529.74	
		$ 30,105.54
Generating Plant—Steam:		
Cost of Boiler Plant Equipment	$ 67,885.31	
Cost of Prime Movers and Auxiliaries	29,013.38	
Cost of Turbo-Generator Units	46,870.83	
Cost of Electric Plant—Steam	32,526.62	
		$176,296.14
Transmission, Distribution and Storage:		
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	$230,153.65	
Cost of Consumers' Meters	50,076.27	
Cost of Consumers' Meter Installation	6,559.56	
Cost of Line Transformers	47,961.32	
Cost of Transformers Installation	4,999.40	
		$339,750.20
Utilization Equipment:		
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment	$ 22,078.22	
Cost of Consumers Premises Equipment	293.99	$ 22,372.21
Total Cost of Electric Plant as shown by the books		$568,524.09

CASH BALANCES AT CLOSE OF YEAR

Petty Cash Loan from Treasurer	$ 150.00

Depreciation Fund Account

DEBITS

Balance of account at beginniing of year:	
Amount transferred from income	21,102.86
Total	$ 21,102.86

CREDITS

Amount expended for construction purposes ...		$ 21,102.86
Balance on hand at close of year		

Material and Supplies

Coal	$ 2,284.75
Oil	111.70
Electrical Appliances	12,385.11
Miscellaneous Materials and Supplies	28,026.33
Total	$ 42,807.89

Construction Fund

DEBIT

Balance at beginning of year	$ 2,236.21	
Transferred from Depreciation Fund	21,102.86	
Construction sold during year	2,674.96	
Adjustments	178.79	
Transferred from Operating Fund	11,246.56	
Total Debits		$ 37,439.38

CREDIT

Amount Expended for Additions and Extensions	$ 37,439.38	
Balance		
Total Credits		$ 37,439.38

Operation Fund

DEBIT

Balance at beginning of year	$	
Received from sale of electricity	170,561.38	
Received from Appropriation for Street Lights .	11,000.00	
Received from Miscellaneous Items	31,450.40	
Total Debits		$213,011.78

CREDIT

Expenditures for Operating Accounts	$168,582.04	
Bonds Paid	9,500.00	
Notes Paid	4,300.00	
Interest Paid	5,633.50	
Amount transferred to Depreciation Fund	21,102.86	
Amount transferred to Construction Fund	11,246.56	
Total Credits		$220,364.96
Balance due Treasurer		7,353.18
		$213,011.78

The year's business has increased considerably over 1924 as is shown by the following data from the records:

	1924	1925	Increase	Per Cent
K. W. H. delivered to switchboard	3,572,588	4,050,687	478,099	13.4
K. W. H. Sold:				
For lighting	980,206	1,148.301	168,095	17.1
For power	833,321	960,297	126,976	15.2
For cooking & heating	573,987	664,858	90,871	15.8
For street lighting	285,826	316,329	30,503	10.7
Totals	2,673,340	3,089,785	416,445	15.5
K. W. H. sold in each Town:				
Reading	2,023,631	2,351,749	328,118	16.2
Lynnfield Centre	88,687	107,671	18,984	21.4
North Reading	237,688	264,555	26,867	11.3
Wilmington	323,334	365,810	42,476	13.1
	2,673,340	3,089,785	416,445	15.5
Income from Sales of Current:				
Lighting	$ 98,773.58	$105,441.34	$ 6,667.76	6.75
Power	37,738.22	36,609.71	1,128.51 Decr.	3.
Cooking & Heating	16,491.78	19,367.32	2,875.54	17.4
Street Lighting	24,885.58	24,074.35	811.23 Decr.	3.2
Totals	$177,889.16	$185,492.72	$ 7,603.56	4.27
Income from each Town:				
Reading	$119,864.89	$123,663.52	$ 3,798.63	3.2
Lynnfield Ctre.	8,759.78	9,725.79	966.01	11.
North Reading	18,353.15	19,431.12	1,077.97	5.9
Wilmington	30,911.34	32,672.29	1,760.95	5.7
Totals	$177,889.16	$185,492.72	$ 7,603.56	4.27

The saving to customers the past year through the reduction in the rates amounted to over $17,000.00.

The operating expenses increased about 16.9%, practically all of the increase being in the manufacturing account due to extraordinary repairs in the boiler plant and increase in output.

The manufacturing cost per kilowatt hour was 1.803 cents as compared with 1.695 cents in 1924, and the average total cost per kilowatt hour sold and delivered to street lights was 5.73 cents as compared with 5.15 cents last year.

There has been a net increase in customers since December 31, 1924 of 414, as follows: Reading 180, Lynnfield Centre 31, North Reading 113, and Wilmington 90.

The total number of new services connected during the year was 523.

The number of customers using the different classes of service in the several towns is as follows:

	Lighting	Power	Cooking & Heating	Total
Reading	2,298	68	263	2,629
Lynnfield Centre	280	17	27	324
North Reading	471	13	61	545
Wilmington	862	26	86	974
Totals	3,911	124	437	4,472

Additional street lights have been installed during the year as follows: Reading 18, North Reading 7, and Wilmington 10.

The street lights in Reading have burned all night and every night, a total of 3,939 hours.

The Wilmington street lights burn until one o'clock A. M. and from five o'clock A. M. until daylight from October 15th to March 15th, moonlight schedule, and have burned a total of 2,081 hours.

The North Reading and Lynnfield Centre street lights burn until midnight, moonlight schedule, and have burned 1,666 hours.

The number of each size of street lamps renewed during the year is shown below:

1368-40 c. p.
961-60 c. p.
50-100 c. p.
127-250 c. p.
39-600 c. p.

Additions to the plant during the year have been paid for from the income.

$13,800 in bonds and notes and $5,633.50 in interest has been paid from the income. No bonds or notes have been issued during the year.

The outstanding indebtedness December 31st was $111,500.

The Profit and Loss surplus is $48,066.04, an increase of $10,039.71 over last year.

Accounts Receivable December 31st amounted to $35,066.44 and Accounts Payable $27,391.40. Uncollectible accounts charged off amounted to $41.05.

Inventory of supplies on hand was $42,807.89, an increase of $1,367.35 over last year.

LAMP AND APPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

The gross sales in this department amounted to $31,962.55 and the net profit was $497.89. The following is a list of appliances sold:

Air Compressors	1	Motors	37
Battery Chargers	6	Percolators	12
Curling Irons	36	Portable Lamps	54
Christmas Tree Sets	30	Radiators	41
Drills	4	Ranges	29
Fans	20	Refrigerators	8
Fireless Cookers	7	Sewing Machine Motors	4
Flat Irons	102	Soldering Irons	7
Forge Blowers	1	Screw Drivers	1
Grinders & Buffers	3	Toasters	125
Hair Dryers	1	Vibrators	3
Heating Pads	13	Violet Rays	2
Kitchen Luminaires	232	Vacuum Cleaners	41
Mangles	3	Waffle Irons	34
Grills & Hot Plates	39	Washing Machines	17
Water Heaters	7	Water Pumps	33

The above appliances with the exception of motors represent an increase in connected load of approximately 425 K. W. which should increase our yearly income over $5,000.

During the latter part of the year we conducted a campaign for better lighting in the kitchen by the use of Kitchen Luminaires. 232 were sold at a net profit of $151.17. The estimated annual revenue from these is $771.00.

The benefits to be derived from the use of electrical appliances in the home are available to all of our customers, and the extent to which each customer benefits depends upon the appliances which are used. One of the more recent adaptations of electric service is for refrigeration. Many of our customers are now using with satisfaction this class of service and with the improved types of refrigerating outfits now available and the better preservation of food and cleanliness attendant upon their use, more home owners should avail themselves of this service.

New Type Mazda Lamps

The greatest development in lamp making in the last ten years is the new inside frosted lamp. It is a pearl gray bulb which harmonizes with any fixture or background. It gives more light, is easy to clean and is more rugged in construction. These new lamps are now available in the 25, 40, 50, 60, and 100 watt sizes.

Distribution Lines

The distribution system in the towns supplied with our service now consists of 6102 poles and approximately 737 miles of wire, with 427 transformers connected. 3979 of the poles are jointly owned by the Town and

The Telephone and Street Railway Companies and 2123 are owned exclusively by the Town. We have renewed 190 poles during the past year and expect to renew about the same number next year.

Some of the feeder circuits are becoming loaded to capacity and it will be necessary to increase the capacity by the use of larger wire or increased primary voltage or both. This is particularly true of the North Reading and Wilmington feeders, and plans are being made to increase their capacity.

Power Station

The generating equipment at the power station was called upon to carry a load of 1280 kilowatts on December first, which is the largest peak load in the history of the plant. All of the boilers and generators were in use during the heavy loads this winter, and fortunately carried the load without interruption. The emergency connection with the Edison Lines at the Stoneham line was completed on December 21 and gives us about 300 kilowatts of additional capacity, which will enable us to make repairs to our generating equipment between midnight and six o'clock in the morning without shutting off the service and also provides reserve capacity in case of trouble with our generating equipment. The cost of this connection was about $5,500.

A new boiler was installed in October in place of No. 3 boiler which was removed in 1923. The cost of the boiler installed, including the piping was $4,796.08. We have also re-set No. 2 boiler this year on account of the bad condition of the old setting. New tubes were also installed. New stokers have been installed under three of the boilers and the plant is now in fairly good condition.

Generated or Purchased Power

This subject is now more or less a matter of history, but I feel that in justice to the Board as well as the Manager, some of the more important facts bearing on the subject should be stated in my report.

As you know, the investigation of this subject was started in March 1924, and I have spent a large amount of time working with the several consulting engineers in the preparation of data for their reports. I have also made many independent investigations at your request.

We have received several propositions covering the purchase of power, and at least three covering the installation of generating equipment. Until we received the proposition of the Eastern Massachusetts Electric Company on October 14, 1925, all of the reports made by the consulting engineers showed that the Town would save money by purchasing power in bulk from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston. The latest proposition from the Eastern Massachusetts Electric Company indicated that the Town would save about $50,000.00 in ten years over any other proposition which had been received, based on the estimates given in the report of one of the consulting engineers.

After the close of the year I computed the cost of current delivered to the switchboard at the plant, if purchased from either the Eastern Massachusetts Electric Company or The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, and have had my figures checked by the respective companies. The figures are given below:

Eastern Massachusetts Electric Company

Cost of current, including cable charge	$55,717.06
Cost of labor, fuel and repairs at station	12,600.00
Total	$68,317.06

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston

Cost of current	$42,218.42
Cost of labor, fuel and repairs at station	12,600.00
Annual fixed charges on $100,000 at 13 1-2%	13,500.00
Total	$68,318.42

The above figures show that the cost of purchased power would have been practically the same if purchased from either of the Companies.

The Municipal Light Board and Manager have consistently recommended that the Town purchase electricity in bulk from the Edison Company, believing that the customers of the plant are entitled to the best service possible, and that the Town should own and control all of the lines and equipment used in the conduct of its business. This recommendation has been backed up by the Finance Committee on four separate occasions.

In the final analysis the primary obligation of the Board and Manager is to furnish to the consumers satisfactory service at reasonable rates, and all factors which contribute to the fulfillment of this obligation should be given due consideration.

The service furnished by the Edison Company to the Municipal Light Plants at Wellesley, Norwood and Wakefield and to the private plants at Weymouth, Quincy, Cambridge and Charlestown, over a period of years has been satisfactory. There have been no interruptions to the Wakefield service since the underground cables were installed. This covers a period of more than two years.

The service furnished by the Eastern Massachusetts Electric Company to the Municipal Light Plant at Danvers since 1919 has not been satisfactory and it was found necessary to obtain auxiliary service from another source in order to maintain continuous service to its customers. All of the transmission line and substation at Danvers is owned by the Eastern Massachusetts Electric Company.

The following is a summary of the service interruptions at the Danvers Plant during 1925:

Total number of interruptions	47
No. due to trouble on main transmission line	20
No. due to trouble on branch transmission line	4
No. due to line troubles—unassigned	6
No. due to substation troubles	12
No. due to lighting	5

Total time service was off 119 hours, 28 minutes.

This is not the kind of service that the customers of the Reading Plant have been receiving, the total interruptions of service at the buss bars of the Power Station since 1914 being eleven, with a total of 19 hours and 30 minutes. The service has been shut off 18 hours and 20 minutes between midnight and morning to make repairs or changes in the power station, the total shut downs being 4 with an average of 4 hours and 34 minutes each. The remaining 7 outages which consisted of operating troubles, total 1 hour and 9 minutes with an average outage of 10 minutes. There were no outages at the Power Station in 1917, 1918, 1921, 1922 and 1924.

If our supply of service is taken from the Eastern Massachusetts Electric Company's lines I should not expect that we would have as many interruptions as have occurred at the Danvers plant, as their service is supplied entirely from a single overhead line, while at least 5 miles of the line to Reading would be duplicate cables underground.

To summarize, the Edison Company has, over a period of years, furnished to other municipal plants, service of a character which compares favorably with the service which has been furnished by the Reading Plant, while the Eastern Massachusetts Electric Company has not done so.

The question of rates for service has been gone into in much detail and has been the subject of considerable discussion. Some citizens feel that a fixed rate for a period of five years is an advantage to the Town. This, of course, is true so far as an increase in the rate is concerned, but if the Company from whom we purchase is enabled, either through more favorable contracts with the generating or transmission companies, or by economies in its own system, to lower its costs, and thereby supply power at lower rates than offered to Reading, we would not receive the benefit of such lower rates which might be offered to other customers. This condition would not obtain under the Edison rates as all customers would automatically receive the benefit of any reduction in rates, and would also be subject to any increase.

Due to the advantages of interconnections with the large transmission systems which are either now being made or are under consideration, it is not probable that rates will be higher. On the contrary it is reasonable to expect that they should be lower, as much of the power available will be generated by water rather than steam.

The question of continuing the generation of power at the Reading Plant is largely one of policy rather than cost. The cost of generating is more than the cost of purchasing. The necessary additional investment at the plant if we continue to generate has been variously estimated from $90,000 to $135,000. Some citizens have expressed the opinion that it would be better for us to continue to generate for a few years, in the belief that more advantageous rates for purchased power would then be available. This of course may be, and is quite likely to be true. Whether we purchase or continue to generate, no increase in the present rates to consumers will be necessary, as the increased volume of business will take care of the expense.

I hope that all of our citizens will read this report and will be assured that the Municipal Light Board and Manager are and have been striving to serve them and the customers of the plant in the best possible manner.

My estimate of the income and expenses for the year ending December 31, 1926 is herewith submitted, together with data from the office records:

ESTIMATE FOR 1926

Expenses

Operation, Maintenance and Repairs		$153,610.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes		5,024.00
Depreciation at 4% on cost of plant		22,637.93
Bond Payments		9,500.00
Note Payments		3,300.00
Taxes		600.00
Uncollectible Operating Revenues		1,000.00
Total Expenses		$195,671.93

Income

From Sales to Private Consumers		$190,993.08
From Sundry Sales		500.00
From Tax Levy at Average Cost per KWH		
For Street Lights	$12,000.00	
For Municipal Buildings	1,700.00	13,700.00
Total Income		$205,193.08

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager.

The manager's report as herewith submitted is approved.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,
HERBERT G. EVANS,
HARRY P. BAKER,
Municipal Light Board.

DATA FROM RECORDS OF PLANT

Kilowatt hours manufactured	4,025,687
Kilowatt hours purchased	25,495
Kilowatt hours for Reading Street Lights	241,476
Kilowatt hours sold	2,848,309
Kilowatt hours used at station and office	383,152
Kilowatt hours unaccounted for	578,245
Coal used, net tons	6317.7
Average cost of coal per net ton	$6.358
Poles added	226
Feet of wire added	281,982
New services installed	523
Street Lamps installed	35

Connected Load December 31, 1925

Number of customers	4472
Horse power in motors	1395.2
Number of public street lights	1544
Number of private street lights	33

Reading

Number of customers December 31, 1925	2629
Number of 40 candle power public street lights	3
Number of 60 candle power public street lights	494
Number of 100 candle power public street lights	14
Number of 250 candle power public street lights	70
Number of 600 candle power public street lights	43
Number of 60 candle power private street lights	8
Number of 100 candle power private street lights	2
Number of 250 candle power private street lights	1
Horse power in motors	1202.4
Earnings for year	$123,663.52

Lynnfield Center

Number of customers December 31, 1925	324
Number of 40 candle power public street lights	131
Number of 40 candle power private street lights	3
Horse power in motors	19
Earnings for year	$9725.79

North Reading

Number of customers December 31, 1925	545
Number of 40 candle power public street lights	286
Number of 40 candle power private street lights	9
Horse power in motors	130.5
Earnings for year	$19,431.12

Wilmington

Number of customers December 31, 1925	974
Number of 40 candle power public street lights	506
Number of 40 candle power private street lights	9
Horse power in motors	43.3
Earnings for year	$32,672.29

COST OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN OUTSIDE TOWNS

Lynnfield Center

Total Investment to December 31, 1925:		
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors ..	$ 17,622.54	
Consumers' Meters	3,333.38	
Line Transformers	2,329.36	
Street Lighting Equipment	1,243.30	
		$ 24,528.58

North Reading

Total Investment to December 31, 1925:		
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors ..	$ 42,446.50	
Consumers' Meters	5,709.52	
Line Transformers	4,805.22	
Street Lighting Equipment	2,358.65	
		$ 55,319.89

Wilmington

Total Investment to December 31, 1925:		
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors ..	$ 71,156.41	
Consumers' Meters	8,140.54	
Line Transformers	6,522.63	
Street Lighting Equipment	3,931.78	
		$ 89,751.36
Total Investment—Outside Towns		169,599.83
Total Income—Outside Towns—1925		61,829.20

Earnings from Light and Power—5 Years

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Light	$107,342.66	$119,815.79	$121,697.50	$123,659.16	$129,679.78
Power	28,544.03	35,689.35	45,085.82	54,230.00	55,812.94
	$135,886.69	$155,505.14	$166,783.32	$177,889.16	$185,492.72

Note:—The above table includes the income from the appropriation for street lights and Municipal Buildings.

TABLE A

Year	Income from Sale of Electricity	Income from Other Sources	Appropriations from Tax Levy for Street Lights	Appropriations from Tax Levy for Construction	Manufacturing Expense	Distribution and Utilization Expense	Miscellaneous Expense	Interest	Depreciation	Bond and Note Payment	Total Cost of Plant December 31
1910	$25,668.87	$604.88	$10,000.00	$270.00	$13,228.57	$3,271.76	$4,429.32	$2,535.75	$3,556.00	$4,000.00	$135,992.62
1911	31,317.40	410.77	5,800.00	1,000.00	13,066.25	6,353.77	5,753.84	2,767.00	4,079.78	4,500.00	144,714.06
1912	37,171.93	599.07	5,000.00	5,500.00	17,546.87	5,605.41	5,605.18	3,018.21	4,143.80	7,200.00	173,091.96
1913	44,664.70	671.87	6,000.00	5,076.19	20,054.99	10,705.42	10,214.88	3,515.40	4,788.80	6,800.00	202,518.81
1914	49,799.75	791.14	4,500.00	4,132.07	19,014.03	7,784,82	8,697.05	4,453.33	6,051.08	9,000.00	233,509.58
1915	51,603.32	640.25	10,500.00	none	18,292.78	10,329.83	7,730.32	4,640.42	6,972.28	9,500.00	254,349.09
1916	61,900.01	911.69	5,000.00	none	22,261.19	13,986.22	8,316.39	4,704.99	7,597.47	10,800.00	269,898.27
1917	67,593.64	2,422.92	8,750.00	none	30,460.16	14,557.81	11,577.08	5,070.43	8,096.95	11,300.00	285,428.29
1918	78,096.09	1,537.86	11,000.00	none	41,006.13	13,572.51	11,311.54	6,882.24	8,529.85	14,800.00	348,871.08
1919	100,844.10	1,100.11	14,450.00	none	45,006.98	13,864.14	13,874.46	7,416.21	10,419.76	14,800.00	389,564.73
1920	126,152.11	1,094.66	11,000.00	none	56,187.74	17,085.95	17,142.48	7,850.70	15,507.13	18,300.00	421,048.20
1921	135,886.69	219.20	17,500.00	none	52,738.98	24,453.15	16,594.65	7,423.10	16,767.55	19,300.00	449.540.12
1922	155,505.14	451.50	15,300.00	none	55,137.36	22,473.04	38,489.58	6.807.64	17,959.59	16,800.00	477,852.76
1923	166,783.32	464.31	14,800.00	none	62,619.57	20,247.54	15,607.11	6,437.28	19,011.08	15,800.00	505,983.28
1924	177,889.16	1,373.72	12,000.00	none	61,286.63	25,898.28	30,817.91	6,174.57	20,136.30	15,800.00	530,147.28
1925	185,492.72	1,112.19	11,000.00	none	73,140.10	28,272.55	34,188.95	5,482.46	21,102.86	13,800.00	568,524.09

TABLE B

Year	K. W. H. Generated	K. W. H. Sold	K. W. H. Delivered to Reading St. Lights	K. W. H. Used at Station Stock Room and Appliance Room	K. W. H. Unaccounted For	Net Tons of Coal Used	Average Cost of Coal Per Ton	Number of Customers	Number of Street Lights	Horse Power in Motors
1910	698,597	300,861	227,100	16,269	154,337	1,748.3	3,461	738	269	116 1-2
1911	771,011	367,317	244,055	15,403	144,236	1,807.6	3.341	888	382	215
1912	919,282	481,801	242,033	13,307	182,141	2,247.8	3.741	1,078	698	242 1-4
1913	1,045,592	599,893	255,744	15,283	174,672	2,680	3.941	1,263	903	272
1914	986,476	578,709	187,590	15,283	204,894	2,496.4	3.666	1,390	993	313 7-10
1915	980,688	548,607	156,505	10,403	265,173	2,298.2	3.578	1,599	1,181	381
1916	1,231,677	751,735	170,810	13,916	295,216	2,741.7	3.934	1,805	1,225	441
1917	1,291,216	812,507	168,535	12,464	297,710	3,086.7	6.348	1,964	1,295	492
1918	1,318,546	976,121	125,820	10,573	206,032	3,348.8	7.875	2,083	1,303	672
1919	2,056,834	1,358,028	172,948	189,067	336,791	3,640	7.517	2,333	1,339	886
1920	2,297,237	1,444,960	175,704	257,999	418,574	3,615	10.352	2,617	1,363	812.5
1921	2,193,092	1,471,698	178,892	146,206	396,296	3,308.4	10.171	2,939	1,473	1120.5
1922	2,609,076	1,583,716	183,250	276,477	565,633	3,791.5	9.00	3,234	1,481	1197.5
1923	3,039,677	2,046,848	183,935	342,189	470,225	4577.7	8.94	3,666	1,494	1367.5
1924	3,572,588	2,463,602	209,738	392,281	506,967	5,379.5	6.503	4,058	1,537	1281.8
1925	4,051,182	2,848,309	241,476	383,152	578,245	6,317.7	6,358	4,472	1,572	1395.2

Note: 3520 K.W.H. purchased in 1923 from Lynn Gas and Electric Co.
495 K.W.H. purchased in 1925 from Lowell Electric Light Corporation
25,000 K.W.H. purchased in 1925 from The Edison Elec. Illum. Co. of Boston

TABLE C

Manufacturing Costs Per K. W. H. Based on Total K. W. H. Delivered at Switchboard

Year	Fuel	Labor	Repairs and Other Station Expenses	Total Costs
1910	.0086	.0075	.0026	.0187
1911	.0078	.0069	.0021	.0168
1912	.0091	.0071	.0027	.0189
1913	.0101	.0070	.0020	.0191
1914	.0092	.0082	.0017	.0191
1915	.0085	.0087	.0013	.0185
1916	.0087	.0071	.0022	.0180
1917	.0144	.0075	.0015	.0234
1918	.0200	.0085	.0025	.0310
1919	.0133	.0066	.0019	.0218
1920	.0162	.0071	.0009	.0242
1921	.0153	.0077	.0009	.0240
1922	.0131	.0066	.0014	.0211
1923	.0134	.0057	.0014	.0205
1924	.00979	.0055	.00166	.01695
1925	.00991	.0054	.00272	.01803

TABLE D

Average Cost Per K. W. H. As Defined by Chapter 164, General Laws

	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920
Operating Costs:	.0397	.0483	.0362	.0586	.0467	.0577	.0538	.0509	.0558
Fixed Costs	.0198	.0176	.0254	.0299	.0261	.0249	.0274	.0213	.0259
Total Costs:	.0595	.0659	.0616	.0885	.0728	.0826	.0812	.0722	.0817

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Operating Costs:	.0640	.0561	.0494	.0377	.0442
Fixed Costs:	.0330	.0278	.0185	.0138	.0131
Total Costs:	.0970	.0839	.0679	.0515	.0573

UNPAID BILLS DECEMBER 31, 1925

	Dr.	Cr.
Addressograph Company	$ 34.06	
Armstrong Cork and Insulation Co.	3.78	
American Railway Express Co.	2.86	
A. & J. M. Anderson Mfg. Co.	1.60	
J. Brinton Bailey	19.43	
Wendell Bancroft Co.	16.03	
Beasley, Eastman Laboratories	1.99	
Van I. Bennett	70.87	
Boston & Maine R. R.	703.67	

George H. Buckminister Co.	2,346.54
Harry G. Burbidge	12.00
Carbolineum Wood Preserving Co.	41.25
Castner, Curran & Bullitt	8,718.29
Central Garage	36.95
Chandler & Farquhar Co.	13.08
Columbia Lamp Division	582.33
Condit Electrical Mfg. Co.	56.23
Cummings Express Co.	15.80
E. B. Currell & Son	19.31
The Cutler Hammer Mfg. Co.	1.13
Cutter & Wood Supply Co.	7.20
H. I. Dallman Company	31.18
Dyer Clark Company	127.16
Eagle Oil & Supply Company	41.18
Eastern Mass. Street Ry. Co.	37.75
Eastern Service Company	382.44
Edison Electric Appliance Co.	45.31
Edison Electric Illuminating Co.	627.68
Electric Blower Company	33.60
Electric Machine & Instrument Co.	11.20
E. M. Fay Electric Company	4.84
T. C. Fife	9.00
Fitzgerald Mfg. Company	.73
E. K. Flood	1.75
The Garlock Packing Company	27.00
General Electric Company	109.77
Globe Paper Company	5.30
Frank E. Gray	189.05
L. B. Renfrew Gray	52.92
F. S. Hardy & Company	211.06
H. L. Haseltine	3.50
Earl G. Hobart	33.10
Hobbs & Warren	15.05
The Hodge Boiler Works	9.50
India Alkali Works	29.15
Jenkins Brothers	24.87
Johns-Manville, Inc.	38.83
John Street Garage	2.75
Kelvinator Boston, Inc.	271.06
Kelvinator Corporation	23.35
Kenney Service Station	25.80
Library Bureau	22.26
A. J. Lindeman & Hoverson Co.	.36
Linscott Motor Company	188.13
D. F. Lorden	2,690.00
Mathias-Hart Co.	29.78

H. B. McArdle	115.04	
McKenney & Waterbury Co.	35.90	
C. A. Mosso Laboratories	6.75	
C. W. H. Moulton Co.	21.25	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	222.16	
The Oakes & Dow Co.	15.22	
Olmsted Flint Corp.	8.06	
Perrin Seamans Co.	12.75	
R. V. Pettingell Elect. Supply Company	127.55	
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	311.46	
Prentiss & Parker	767.28	
Reading Garage & Service Station	30.00	
Reading Motor Company	31.99	
Reading Tire Shop	5.25	
Robbins Phalon Company	839.84	
Rochester Germicide Co.	6.75	
Scannell Boiler Works	2,267.95	
C. Sevrens	10.00	
M. W. Sargent	13.00	
Simplex Elect. Heat Co.	71.93	
Simplex Wire & Cable Co.		76.24
Spaulding Moss Company	3.58	
Standard Oil Co.	282.80	
Standard Underground Cable Co.		55.75
Star Brass Mfg. Co.	1.47	
Stearns, Perry & Smith Co.	77.53	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	66.90	
Percy N. Sweetser	316.79	
John Swen	1,368.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	98.70	
Vye Smith Company	171.80	
George H. Wahn Company	1,548.93	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	11.31	
Wales Adding Machine Co.	17.25	
Walker Dishwasher Corp.	3.52	
Waterproof Paint & Varnish Co.	187.50	
Welsbach Company of N. E.	7.79	
Western Electric Company		68.13
Westingouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	2.92	
Wetmore-Savage E. S. Co.	316.63	
C. H. Wheeler Mfg. Company	65.45	
Woburn Machine Co.	61.69	
	$27,591.50	$ 200.12
	200.12	
	$27,391.38	

REPORT OF AUDITOR FOR YEAR 1925

February 3, 1926.

To the Municipal Lighting Board,
Reading, Mass.
Gentlemen:

In accordance with your order, we have examined the books and records of the Municipal Light Department for the year ended December 31, 1925, and submit herewith our report. Attached hereto and forming a part of this report will be found audited schedules as follows:

"A"—Balance Sheet—December 31, 1925.

"B"—Condensed Statement of Operations for the year 1925.

"C"—Profit and Loss Account for the year 1925.

"D"—Detail of Operating Revenue for the year 1925.

"E"—Detail of Operating Expenses for the year 1925.

"F"—Bond and Note Schedule.

Plant Investment:

Additions to Plant Investment were carefully checked and found in proper order. The total Plant Investment as shown in Schedule "A" of this report, we believe, fairly represents the cost thereof less depreciation to date. Depreciation at 4% of the cost of the plant, less land values, was charged off during 1925 and properly recorded.

Petty Cash—$150.00:

There was loaned to the Municipal Light Department by the Town Treasurer, January 1, 1925, $150.00 to be used as a change and petty cash fund. This fund was counted on the evening of December 31, 1925, and found to be correct.

Consumers' Deposit Fund—$1,241.75:

The passbook of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Reading was examined and found to agree with the books of the Department and amounting to the actual guarantee deposits outstanding. As advised in our 1924 report, interest on this balance has been withdrawn and credited to the proper account.

Accounts Receivable, Electric Consumers—$17,168.63:

An analysis of this account was made as at November 30, 1925, and found to be in agreement with control balance. From this analysis, a detail of all accounts ninety days or more in arrears was made and given to the Department as an aid in collecting these accounts. There was charged off as uncollectible $41.05.

Accounts Receivable, Miscellaneous—$17,897.81:

This account was also analyzed as above Electric Consumers accounts. No accounts were charged off as uncollectible during the year 1925.

Material and Supplies:

Physical inventories were taken as at December 31, 1925, by clerks of your department. Proper adjustments were made on the books to bring all material and supply accounts into agreement with the values shown by the inventories.

Prepaid Insurance—$850.66:

This account represents actual unexpired insurance premiums on policies covering the Municipal Light Department.

Bonds—$98,000.00:

Bonds to the amount of $9,500 were retired during the past year leaving $98,000.00 outstanding as at December 31, 1925, as shown by schedule "F" of this report. There were no issues during 1925.

Notes Payable—$13,500.00:

Notes to the amount of $4,300 were paid off during 1925, leaving a balance of $13,500 outstanding as at December 31, 1925. Schedule "F" of this report gives full detail of all Bond and Note Issues. There were no note issues during 1925.

Accounts Payable—$27,391.40:

This amount represents unpaid vouchers as at December 31, 1925. A detailed list was made of outstanding vouchers and was found to vary .02 with the control. This slight difference will be adjusted in January, 1926.

Consumers' Deposits—$1,241.75:

Individual deposits were checked and the total found to be in agreement with the amount shown above. This account has been adjusted during 1925 to conform with suggestions in our last year's report.

Due Town Treasurer—$7,503.18:

Representing vouchers paid by the Town Treasurer to be reimbursed during 1926 by the Municipal Lighting Department. $150.00 of this amount represents an imprest fund loaned the Lighting Department January 1, 1925, and carried over by agreement instead of returned as in prior years.

Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes—$1,190.90:

Representing actual accrued interest on Bonds and Notes Payable outstanding December 31, 1925.

Income—$185,965.97:

Total electric operating revenue as shown in Schedule "B" represents an increase of $7,621.08 over 1924 and $19,529.85 increase over 1923 revenue.

Expenses—$156,704.46:

Total electric operating expenses as shown by Schedule "B" represents an increase of $18,565.34 over 1924.

Conclusion:

The department has had a successful year as reflected in Schedule "C", net increase in surplus amounting to $10,039.71.

We wish to express our appreciation for the helpful assistance rendered by the employees of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & SONS,

By Chas. E. Stanwood,

Industrial Engineers and Public Accountants

F. J. Stanwood

W. W. Scott

SCHEDULE "A"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1925

Assets		
PLANT INVESTMENT:		
111 Land		$ 2,575.80
113 Structures		20,900.09
Generating Plant—Steam:		
114 Boiler Plant Equipment		38,419.85
115 Prime Movers and Auxiliaries		16,445.47
116 Turbo-Generator Units		25,645.47
117 Electric Plant—Steam		19,500.97
Transmission, Distribution and Storage:		
125 Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors		161,895.37
128 Consumers' Meters		36,196.61
129 Consumers' Meter Installation		4,821.80
130 Line Transformers		34,196.58
131 Transformer Installations		3,354.69
Utilization Equipment:		
132 Street Lighting Equipment		10,845.35
133 Consumers' Premises Equipment		293.99
Total Plant Investment		$375,092.04

Liabilities		
301 Appropriations for Construction		$ 30,678.26
302 Bonds	$ 98,000.00	
303 Notes Payable	13,500.00	
Total Bonds and Notes		111,500.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
308 Accounts Payable	$ 27,391.40	
309 Consumers' Deposits	1,241.75	
312 Due Town Treasurer—Temporary Loan	7,503.18	
Total Current Liabilities		36,136.33
ACCRUED LIABILITIES:		
314 Interest on Bonds and Notes		1,190.90
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS:		
322 Loans Repayment		234,400.00
Total Liabilities		$413,905.49
PROFIT AND LOSS:		
400 Profit and Loss—Balance		48,066.04

General Equipment:		
150 Office Equipment	$ 2,812.75	
159 Transportation Equipment	3,950.00	
Total Investments		$381,854.79
CURRENT ASSETS:		
204 Petty Cash Fund	$ 150.00	
204-2 Construction Fund	0.00	
205 Consumers' Deposit Fund	1,241.75	
207-1 Accounts Rec'd Elec. Consumers	17,168.63	
207-2 Accounts Rec'd Misc.	17,897.81	
Material and Supplies:		
209-1 Material and Supplies—General	23,580.18	
209-2 Station Tools & Appliances	471.77	
209-3 Dist. Tools & Appliances	2,070.91	
209-4 Printing & Office Supplies	656.62	
209-6 Coal Supply—Electric	2,284.75	
209-9 Station Supplies	1,358.55	
209-10 Lamps and Appliances ..	12,385.11	
Total Current Assets ..		$ 79,266.08
PREPAID ACCOUNTS:		
213 Insurance General		$ 850.66
Total Assets		$461,971.53

Total Liabilities and Surplus $461,971.53

SCHEDULE "B"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS—12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1925

REVENUE FROM SALE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY:			
501-1	Commercial Incandescent Lighting Meter	$103,826.67	
501-2	Power for Motors	34,008.76	
501-3	Heating and Cooking	19,367.32	
504	Power for other Electric Companies	164.09	
505-1	Public Incandescent Lighting	24,074.35	
505-2	Municipal Lighting	1,614.67	
505-3	Municipal Power	2,436.86	
	Total Revenue from Sale of Electric Energy		$185,492.72
REVENUE FROM MISC. ELECTRIC OPERATIONS:			
508	Rent from Property Used in Operations		473.25
	Total Electric Operating Revenue		$185,965.97
ELECTRIC OPERATING EXPENSES:			
	Production	$ 73,140.10	
	Transmission and Distribution	23,118.30	
	Utilization	5,154.25	
	Commercial	10,098.69	
	New Business	2,976.79	
	General and Miscellaneous	42,216.33	
	Total Electric Operating Expenses		$156,704.46
	Net Operating Revenue		29,261.51
	Ratio Operating Expense to Operating Revenue		.843
550	Uncollectible Operating Revenue		41.05
551	Taxes Assignable to Electric Operations		537.23
	Net Operating Income		$ 28,683.23
NON-OPERATING INCOME:			
560	Merchanidse and Jobbing Revenue		$ 497.89
563	Interest Income		141.05
	Gross Income		$ 29,322.17
DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME:			
576	Interest on Bonds and Notes Payable		$ 5,482.46
	Net Income		$ 23,839.71

SCHEDULE "C"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT—12 MONTHS ENDED DEC. 31, 1925

401 Balance, January 1, 1925		$ 38,026.33
CREDITS:		
Net Income (From Schedule "B")		23,839.71
Total		$ 61,866.04
LESS:		
Bonds Paid	$ 9,500.00	
Notes Paid	4,300.00	
		$ 13,800.00
400 Balance, December 31, 1925		$ 48,066.04
NET INCREASE IN SURPLUS FOR YEAR 1925		$ 10,039.71

SCHEDULE "D"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

DETAIL OF OPERATING INCOME—YEAR 1925

COMMERCIAL INCANDESCENT LIGHTING METER:		
Reading	$ 66,571.43	
Lynnfield Centre	6,552.56	
North Reading	9,949.87	
Wilmington	20,752.81	
		$103,826.67
POWER FOR MOTORS:		
Reading	$ 29,857.63	
Lynnfield Centre	353.12	
North Reading	2,842.93	
Wilmington	955.08	
		34,008.76
HEATING AND COOKING:		
Reading	$ 12,018.84	
Lynnfield Centre	1,056.46	
North Reading	2,871.92	
Wilmington	3,420.10	
		19,367.32

PUBLIC INCANDESCENT LIGHTING:		
Reading	$ 11,000.00	
Lynnfield Centre	1,763.65	
North Reading	3,766.40	
Wilmington	7,544.30	
		24,074.35
POWER FOR OTHER ELECTRIC COMPANIES:		
Wakefield	$ 42.12	
Lowell	121.97	
		164.09
MUNICIPAL LIGHTING		1,614.67
MUNICIPAL POWER		2,436.86
Total Revenue from Sale of Electric Energy		$185,492.72

SCHEDULE "E"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

DETAIL OF OPERATING EXPENSES—YEAR 1925

PRODUCTION EXPENSES:			
601-605	Labor	$ 21,892.19	
606	Boiler Fuel	40,301.89	
607	Water for Steam	188.53	
608	Lubricants	260.33	
609	Station Supplies and Expense	993.05	
611	Maint. of Station Structures	326.74	
612	Maint. of Boiler Plant Equipment	7,845.00	
614	Maint. of Turbo Generator Units	503.53	
615	Maint. of Electric Generating Equip.	61.58	
616	Maint. of Accessory Electric Equip.	94.64	
634	Electric Energy Purchased	672.62	
			$ 73,140.10
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES:			
638	Operation of Trans. and Dist. Lines	$ 11,622.80	
639	Trans. and Dist. Supplies and Expense	625.39	
640	Inspecting and Testing Meters	1,212.51	
641	Removing and Resetting Meters	860.19	
642	Remov. and Resetting Transformers	511.24	
647	Maint. of Trans. and Dist. Lines	7,935.82	
650	Maint. of Consumers' Meters	152.17	
651	Maint. of Transformers	198.18	
			$ 23,118.30

UTILIZATION EXPENSES:			
654	Municipal Street Lamps—Labor	$ 1,083.32	
655	Municipal Street Lamps— Sup. and Exp.	1,751.29	
657	Maint. Municipal Street Lamps	906.24	
659	Maint. Consumers' Installations	1,413.40	
			$ 5,154.25
COMMERCIAL EXPENSES:			
660	Commercial Salaries	$ 8,899.27	
661	Commercial Supplies and Expense	1,199.42	
			$ 10,098.69
NEW BUSINESS EXPENSES:			
662	New Business Salaries	$ 1,859.29	
664	Advertising	1,117.50	
			$ 2,976.79
GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:			
666	Salary of Manager	$ 3,869.86	
667	Salaries General Office Clerks	2,809.83	
668	General Office Supplies and Expense	1,926.57	
671	Insurance	4,184.75	
673	Accidents and Damages	11.60	
674	Store Expense	274.58	
675	Transportation Expense	2,775.80	
676	Inventory Adjustments	2,565.98	
678	Depreciation	21,102.86	
679	Misc. General Expense	2,694.50	
			$ 42,216.33
Total Electric Operating Expenses			**$156,704.46**

SCHEDULE "F"

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

ORIGINAL ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES AND AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING DEC. 31, 1925

BONDS

No. of Issue	Date Issued	Original Amount	Payments on Principal	Rate of Interest	Date of Interest Payment	Purpose	Amt. Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925
1st	10- 1-94	$ 50,000.00	$1,000 yearly 10 yrs.	4	April-October	Establishing Plant	
			2,000 yearly 20 yrs.				
2nd	10- 1-07	26,000.00	1,000 yearly 26 yrs.	4½	Apr. 1-Oct. 1	Additions	$ 8,000.00
3rd	7- 5-11	20,000.00	2,000 yearly 10 yrs.	4	January-July	Wilmington Lines	
4th	10-15-13	23,500.00	1,500 yearly 9 yrs.	4¼			
			1,000 yearly 10 yrs.		Apr. 15-Oct. 15	Station	7,000.00
5th	9-15-14	8,000.00	500 yearly 16 yrs.	4½	Mar. 15-Sept. 15	Reading	2,500.00
6th	5-15-16	10,000.00	500 yearly 20 yrs.	4	May 15-Nov. 15	New Construction	5,500.00
7th	10- 1-17	55,000.00	1,000 yearly 1 yr.	4½	Apr. 1-Oct. 1	Additions	31,000.00
			3,000 yearly 18 yrs.				
8th	1- 1-19	12,000.00	1,000 yearly 4 yrs.	4½	Jan. 1-July 1	Additions	7,000.00
			500 yearly 16 yrs.				
9th	4- 1-19	20,000.00	1,000 yearly 20 yrs.	4¾	Apr. 1-Oct. 1	Additions	14,000.00
10th	5- 1-20	20,000.00	1,000 yearly 20 yrs.	5	May 1-Nov. 1	Additions	15,000.00
11th	12- 1-23	10,000.00	1,000 yearly 10 yrs.	4½	June 1-Dec. 1	Additions	8,000.00
		$254,500.00					$98,000.00

NOTES

1st	5- 1-96	$ 7,000.00	$1,400 yearly 5 yrs.	4	May-November	Construction of Plant	
2nd	5- 1-96	7,000.00	1,400 yearly 5 yrs.	4	May-November	Construction of Plant	
3rd	12- 9-96	1,500.00	1,500 Dec. 9, 1897	4	May-November	Construction of Plant	
4th	7-15-98	3,000.00	1,000 July 15, 1901	3	July-January	New Generator	
			2,000 July 15, 1904				
5th	12- 7-03	1,400.00	1,400 Dec. 7, 1906	4	June-Dec.	Renewal of Note	
6th	11-15-09	2,500.00	1,000 Nov. 15, 1910	4	May-November	Lynnfield-Centre Lines	
			1,500 Nov. 15, 1911				
7th	1-21-10	1,800.00	1,800 Jan. 21, 1913	4	June-Dec.	New Construction	
8th	7-12-11	2,200.00	2,200 July 12, 1912	4	Dec.-July	New Construction	
9th	3-27-13	12,000.00	1,000 yearly 12 yrs.	4	Mar. 27-Sept. 27	North Reading Lines	
10th	4-16-13	13,500.00	1,500 yearly 9 yrs.	4¼	April-October	New Construction	
11th	5-15-15	12,000.00	800 yearly 15 yrs.	4	May 15-Nov. 15	New Construction	$ 4,000.00
12th	7-15-15	4,000.00	500 yearly 8 yrs.	4	January-July	Reading	
13th	9-22-17	6,500.00	500 yearly 13 yrs.	5	Mar. 22-Sept. 22	New Construction	2,500.00
14th	11-20-19	3,000.00	1,500 yearly 2 yrs.	4½	May-November	New Construction	
7$th	7- 1-21	7,000.00	1,000 yearly 7 yrs.	6	Jan. 1-July 1	Additions	3,000.00
16th	12-15-22	7,000.00	1,000 yearly 7 yrs.	4½	June 15-Dec. 15	Additions	4,000.00
		$ 91,400.00					$13,500.00

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report:

HORACE G. WADLIN

1851—1925

The Town of Reading lost a revered citizen and the Public Library a valued worker and friend in the death on November 5, 1925, of Horace G. Wadlin. Elected to the Board of Trustees on April 2, 1877; Secretary of the Board in April, 1883, and its chairman from November, 1889, until his death. A member of the Board for forty-eight years and its chairman for thirty-six years. His intellectual ability, extended experience in public work, and as Librarian of the Boston Public Library, were used to great advantage in our Library work. The present strong position of the Library as a factor in the welfare of the town is greatly due to his wisdom and foresight. The present Library Building may well stand as a monument to his memory, as the major portion of the funds for its erection were obtained from the Carnegie Corporation through his efforts. The preliminary sketches involving the layout of the building and arrangement up to the point of approval by the Carnegie Corporation were made by him without expense to the town.

At a meeting of the Library Trustees, held on Nov. 20, 1925, the following resolutions were adopted and placed upon the records of the Library:

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library has suffered a great loss in the death of its chairman, Hon. Horace G. Wadlin,

Be it resolved that it is the unanimous wish of the Board to place on record a tribute of appreciation of this honored member. Reading has had few citizens who have held town office through as many years as Dr. Wadlin, who has served both our public schools and our Library. Of the latter he has been a Trustee for forty-eight years, during the last thirty-nine of which he has served as Chairman of the Board. To this work, he has brought breadth of culture, a true love of books, a knowledge of architecture and building construction, and large executive experience in the great Boston Public Library. His method of organizing

the business of the Library has been thoroughly efficient and has caused the work of the Board to move smoothly and expeditiously, while his genial humor and unfailing courtesy to his colleagues have made it a pleasure to share his service. He will be greatly missed by his associates.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that copies be sent to the Reading Chronicle and to Mrs. Wadlin.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The Board organized for the year by the choice of Mr. Wadlin, Chairman, and of Mr. Mansfield as Secretary. Standing Committees were appointed as follows:—

On Accounts: Messrs. Wadlin, Mansfield and Doughty.

On Books: Mr. Mansfield, Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Lucas.

On Buildings and Grounds: Messrs. Wadlin and Keneely and Miss Bancroft.

On Work with Children: Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Lucas.

The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Wadlin was filled by the Trustees of the Library and the Selectmen in joint convention (as provided by law) by the appointment of Jesse W. Morton, Esq. His tenure continues until the next annual town meeting.

EXPENSES OF THE LIBRARY

Following is a condensed financial statement:

Appropriation, direct tax, 1925:		
Salaries		$ 2,800.00
Maintenance		2,750.00
Total from tax levy		$ 5,550.00

Expended

Salaries: Librarian, Assistants, and Janitor	$ 2,782.70	
Books and periodicals including rebinding	2,007.23	
Printing, stationery, etc.	143.62	
Fuel, light, water, sewerage	246.01	
Repairs	199.38	
Miscellaneous	150.00	
		$ 5,528.94

Balance unexpended:		
On salaries	$ 17.30	
On maintenance	3.76	
		$ 21.06
		$ 5,550.00

Receipts

These include:	
Fines, etc., collected (for over-detention of books chiefly)	$ 293.81
Waste paper, etc., sold	2.70
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925	12.06
	$ 308.57
Paid to Town Treasurer	300.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1925	8.57

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Volumes in the Library, Dec. 31, 1924	12,441
Volumes bought, including replacements	894
Received by gift	103
	13,438
Worn out, or discarded, and not replaced	268
Total number of volumes Dec. 31, 1925	13,170
The net gain for the year is	729

Many books purchased during the year were those recommended for school reading and in the reading lists of the American Library Association. This work is more fully referred to in extracts from the Librarian's report given below.

USE OF THE LIBRARY

Volumes borrowed for home use		46,520
Increase over previous year		3,566
Largest monthly circulation, March		4,476
Smallest monthly circulation, July		3,000
Number of new borrowers registered:		
Adult	284	
Juvenile	184	
		468
Number of days open during the year		252
Average daily circulation, home use		185

While the population of the town has increased in five years (April 1, 1920, 7,439; April 1, 1925, 8,693) about 17 per cent, the circulation of books for home use has increased 36 per cent. These figures indicate that the use of the library for home circulation is increasing rapidly. Patrons of the Library know too well that the use of the Library for reading and reference work has reached large proportions. Especially we are confident that the closer relation between the schools and the library, already seen and certain to grow more intimate, will bring to it readers who will continue in after years the use of books begun while in school.

The following table shows the steady growth of the Library in the seven and one-half years in the present building:

Year	Population April 1	Volumes Borrowed Home Use	No. of Days Lib. Open	Vol. in Library	Expended
1918 (Opened 7-13)		28,723		9,736	$3,294.52
1919		32,623		10,265	2,953.59
1920	7,439	34,048		10,601	3,181.61
1921		39,236		11,042	3,763.33
1922		40,899	248	11,521	3,797.84
1923		41,607	251	11,890	5,042.36
1924		42,954	255	12,441	4,953.29
1925	8,693	46,520	252	13,170	5,528.94

In her report to the Trustees the Librarian remarks:

"Modern methods of education requiring much more research work of junior high as well as high school students is causing an increasing amount of reference work in the public libraries. These students who flock to the library at the close of school not only need attention and help but require much supervision in order to keep the reading room reasonably quiet. It is a condition of things that libraries are meeting everywhere, the adult readers seeming to be rather crowded out. While good books for children and reference helps for high school scholars are a necessary and valuable part of library work the library should not be given over wholly to them. The American Library Association this year is emphasizing adult education and is publishing some short reading lists "reading with a purpose" to help those who care to do some consecutive reading. Explanatory pamphlets are published on various subjects with an introductory discussion of the topic in general and a brief paragraph about each book chosen. The lists are short, varying from six to a dozen books. The library now has the pamphlets and books listed on the following subjects: Biology, English, Literature, Some Great American books, Conflicts in American Public Opinion, Sociology and Social Problems, Ten Pivotal Figures of History. Other lists will be ready soon.

In April the Librarian attended an Institute for librarians from small libraries at the State Normal School at Hyannis. These institutes arranged for each year by the State Dept. of Public Libraries are always helpful both in the lectures and the informal discussions between meetings.

In June at assembly in the Highland School eight honor certificates were presented by the Librarian to the pupils who had read twenty books from the State reading lists. This was a smaller number than the preceding June partly because the novelty of the idea was gone, also because though the children were reading as much as ever they had not been urged to fill out the review sheets.

In July the Librarian was given an extension of the usual vacation to attend the American Library Association meetings in Seattle. The cordial welcome of the western librarians as well as the glimpses of the wonderful scenery of our country made it a pleasure not soon to be forgotten.

If it proves possible to have the library open every afternoon and the children cared for in a separate room I feel sure the library can serve the town much more efficiently during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. BROWN, Librarian.

January 4, 1926.

DEPORTMENT

For the past few years more or less confusion has been caused in the Library by a group of juveniles. The Librarian has the situation well in hand and with the extension of certain corrective methods it is hoped to reduce such disturbance to a minimum. This trouble is not local as it is the theme of conversation wherever Librarians gather. That the trouble is not new is typified in the following extract from the Trustees' report of 1870:—"We have been in a few instances obliged to suspend temporarily from the privileges of the Library persons for disorderly conduct in the library room. We much regret this necessity, but our room is so small that it is imperatively necessary that good order be preserved. A little noise by each of fifty persons, amounts to a large noise in the aggregate." Again in 1872 they say:—"We are happy to credit our young men with a great improvement in deportment about the Library Rooms, the past year, there not having been a case of suspension for disorderly conduct, nor even a complaint entered by the Librarian, for any breach of etiquette about the building."

EXTENSION OF LIBRARY HOURS

In the report of 1921 it was stated that it had been suggested that the Library be opened also on Friday afternoon or evening, and that such a step "may be necessary, perhaps, as the town increases in population

and the number of library patrons increases." This point seems to have been reached. The Trustees have covered it in the salary budget and if it prevails the Library will be opened on Friday from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. The schedule for open hours will then be:

	Forenoon	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	10 A.M. to 12 M.	2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	
Tuesday		2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Wednesday		2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	
Thursday		2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Friday		2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	
Saturday		2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

The work of the Library has increased to such an extent that there is on many days marked evidence of crowding and confusion. This condition can be relieved and the work of the Library increased and improved by using the lecture room as a juvenile room. This room, 30 feet by 39 feet in size, with an entrance directly from Woburn street can be easily transformed for such use. Shelving would have to be built in and the children's tables transferred from the Library room. New tables for adult use would be added to the main room and the shelving released by the removal of the juvenile books to the juvenile room would care for adult accessions for a few years. The problem of sufficient shelving for the Library room is already present. The expense of the juvenile room is covered in the budget. If the town should not consider it expedient to appropriate the money for this transfer this year it must be kept in mind that the change cannot be long deferred.

EXHIBITION CASE

At the joint suggestion of the Librarian and the Art Committee of the Reading Woman's Club a glass case for exhibition purposes has been purchased and installed. There are many articles of artistic and historical interest in the town which the owners would gladly place on exhibition if such articles were properly shown and safeguarded. The case purchased fulfills the required needs.

BUDGET FOR 1926

The budget of requirements for the year 1926, based upon our present scale of expenditure, which includes as noted in previous reports, a progressive advance toward a maximum, equitable for the salaries of Librarian and Assistant Librarian, proportionate to the services now required, and comparable to the rates paid in similar positions elsewhere, is as follows:

Fuel, light, water, sewerage charge	$	400.00
Printing and Supplies		150.00
Books, periodicals, building, etc.		1,800.00
Repairs		300.00
Miscellaneous		100.00
	$	2,750.00
Transfer Children's Room		500.00
Total maintenance	$	3,250.00
Salaries		3.400.00
Total Appropriation requested	$	6,650.00

(As against an appropriation of $5,550.00 in 1925).

The regular maintenance items are the same amount as in 1925.

The salary item is increased by six hundred dollars ($600.00) It is proposed to increase the salary of the Librarian by $200.00 to $1400.00. This is the minimum salary of a grade teacher. Miss Brown has been our Librarian since Aug. 1, 1903; years of faithfulness and progress. It is felt by the Trustees that the work of the Librarian has an educational value which more than justifies the increase. Miss Abbott has been the Assistant Librarian since 1908, and it is proposed to increase her salary by $250.00 to $1,000.00 Her work is most satisfactory. The Librarian and her assistant are called upon to an ever-increasing extent for aid in reference work in connection with the schools and it is not uncommon to see from fifteen to twenty pupils in the Library room at the same time during reference work with the assistance of the Library personnel. Once the "library habit" is formed it is likely to remain.

In the 1921 report the Trustees said: The place of the Library "principally is educational, its reference work, its co-operation with the schools, the help it offers in promoting vocational and industrial efficiency, these activities fall under that head. But it is more than educational in the restricted sense. For it offers also a wider knowledge of the books which enlarge life, the treasures of romance, of poetry, of art, and of spiritual welfare of the individual and the social well-being as well,—reading for enjoyment and the amenities of life, not merely for ends commonly considered more practical."

By making slight increases for several successive years, we may finally adjust the support of the Library portionately to the service it ought to render, without any great sacrifice or undue burden upon the tax levy. On the present basis about forty cents of the tax levy per thousand goes to the support of the Public Library. If the Library account was credited with the funds turned into the town treasury and the Dog Tax, which under the statutes is applicable to the purposes of the Library, the draft on the tax levy would be reduced to about thirty-

two cents per thousand dollars valuation. In other words, if the Library account carried its proper credits only about one per cent of the tax levy goes to the support of the Public Library.

The reason for the budget request for the Children's Room has been previously referred to.

We estimate the receipts of the department to be turned into the Town Treasury at $275.00.

CONCLUSION

The faithful and efficient services of Miss Bertha L. Brown, Librarian, and those of Miss Grace Abbott, her assistant, deserve our continued and appreciative acknowledgment.

The services of Mr. Charles H. Stinchfield, janitor, have been on his usual order of efficiency and helpfulness.

The work of the assistants, employed from time to time has been praiseworthy and loyal.

Three vacancies are to be filled at the annual town meeting, the terms of Charles F. Doughty, Mrs. Ida C. Lucas and Jesse W. Morton expiring. The vacancy, in the case of Jesse W. Morton, is then to be filled for the remainder of the term of Horace G. Wadlin, deceased, which would have expired in 1928. The other vacancies are for the term of three years.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD, Chairman
EDITH BANCROFT, Secretary
CHARLES F. DOUGHTY
RALPH S. KENEELY
JESSE W. MORTON
IDA C. LUCAS

Trustees

Adopted as the Report of the Trustees, January 22, 1926.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

To the Board of Fire Engineers:

The following is the report of the Superintendent of Fire Alarm for the year 1925:

Four new boxes have been added to the system:

213 Fairvew Ave. and Pratt St.

381 Forest St., west of Main

422 Pleasant and Eaton Sts.

452 Salem St. and Libby Ave.

Overhead construction has been rebuilt on South Main St., from Avon to South St.; on Charles St., from Pearl to Haverhill Sts., and on West St., from King St. to Box 231.

The storage battery must be renewed the coming year.

I recommend that new boxes be placed at the following locations:

Auburn St., at or near Park St.

At or near the corner of Ash and Cross Sts.

Lowell and Dustin Sts., and change Box 31 to the corner of Lowell and Willow Sts.

Also I recommend that connections be made between the Central Fire Station with the Central Fire Station in Wakefield, which would establish a form of mutual aid that would be of great advantage in case of a large fire or two fires at the same time.

READING FIRE ALARM

Central Fire Station Telephone, Reading 0430

112 Woburn and Sanborn
113 Woburn and Bancroft Ave.
114 Mt. Vernon, Chute and School
115 Woburn and High
12 Central Fire Station
121 Main and Haven
122 Haven and Gould
13 Ash and Avon
14 Oak and Hill Crest Road
141 Howard and Hill Crest Road
15 Summer Ave. and Walnut
16 So. Main and South
17 Prescott near Arlington

18 Minot and Park Ave.
19 Walnut and Curtis
21 Summer Ave. and Temple
212 West and Howard
213 Pratt and Fairview Ave.
221 Union Street School (private)
223 Center School
224 High School (private)
225 Highland School (private)
226 Lowell Street School
227 Prospect Street School
228 Chestnut Hill School
23 Woburn and Temple
231 West beyond Willow
24 Mineral and Hancock
242 Summer Ave. and Woodbine
25 Prospect near King
26 Hose 2 House, Woburn St.
27 Summer Ave. near Prescott
28 West south of Oak
29 West and King
31 Lowell beyond Grove
32 Franklin near Grove
33 Lowell and Grand
34 Grove and Forest
35 No. Main and Locust
36 No. Main and Ridge Rd.
37 No. Main front of No. 409
38 No. Main and Forest
381 Forest west of Main
39 No. Main and Franklin
392 No. Main and Mill
41 Village and Green
412 Boston Stove Foundry, Willow Rd.
414 Green and Beech
42 Haven and John
422 Pleasant and Eaton
43 Salem and John
44 Salem and Pearl
442 Orange and Pierce
45 Salem and Belmont
452 Salem near Libby Ave.
46 Charles and Pearl
47 Charles and Haverhill
48 Bay State Road near Salem
51 Main, Ash and Washington
53 So. Main north of Cross

55	Reading Rubber Mills
6	C. H. Bangs Co., Prescott St. (private)
61	Lowell near Sanborn
611	Home for Aged Women, Linden St. (private)
612	Bancroft Ave. and Locust
62	Spare box
63	Hanscom Ave. north of Weston Ave.
642	Vine and Vale Rd.
65	Middlesex and Bancroft Aves.
67	Middlesex Ave. and High
8	Out of Town

Special Signals

2	Recall.
2	Test—7.45 A. M. and 5.45 P. M.
22	No school signal
3	Followed by a box number, Second Alarm
3	Followed in one minute by 3, Boy Scout Call
4	Police Call

Yours respectfully,

HUGH L. EAMES, Supt. of Fire Alarm.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Reading, Mass., December 31, 1925.

To the Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—The following is my report of the inspection of the scales, weights and measures used in trade in the Town of Reading:

The inspection as you doubtless know, consists in examining the scale, weight or measure to ascertain if it is perfectly constructed and mechanically right. If so, it is then tested for its accuracy and if found to be accurate it is sealed, otherwise condemned from use. I can report to you at this time that all scales, weights and measures in use in the town have been inspected and the above specifications carried out. For detailed report see the following table.

The most unsatisfactory piece of mechanical measuring device in use today is the gasoline pump in that it entails considerable labor to make them accurate and then when tested, within a short time they are found to be inaccurate.

In addition to this the various stores have been visited at irregular intervals and packages of the different commodities as put up for sale to the public have been re-weighed to make sure that the people were receiving the weight they were entitled to. I am pleased to report that the number of cases in which short-weight was found were not very numerous as you will see by the following table.

The total amount collected for sealing all scales, weights and measures is $48.82. While in itself this does not seem a large amount when you realize that the fee collected is only fifty cents for the large platform scales and ten cents apiece for all other scales and but three cents each for all weights and measures you can readily see that the amount represents quite an amount of work accomplished.

Work Performed from December, 1924, to December, 1925, inclusive

1. Scales	Sealed	Adjusted	Condemned
Platform, 100-5000 lbs.	24	14	
Counter, under 100 lbs.	27	8	
Spring, under 100 lbs.	33	8	
Computing, under 100 lbs.	28	13	3

2. Weights			
Avoirdupois	181	3	
Apothecary			
Metric			
3. Volumetric			
Liquid Measures	44		1
Dry Measures	4		
4. Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices			
Gasoline Pumps	22		
Oil Pumps	5		
Measures, Stops on Pumps	108	23	
5. Linear Measures			
Yard Sticks	11		
Total	487	69	4

Trial Weighings and Measurments of Commodities Sold or Put Up For Sale

Commodity	No. Tested	No. Corrected	Incorrect Under	Incorrect Over
Bread	36	27	1	8
Butter	36	30	5	1
Dry Commodities (coffee, tea, sugar, beans, etc.)	130	103	8	19
Flour	26	15	5	6
Fruit and Vegetables	46	35	4	7
Grain and feed	12	12		
Ice	13	14	2	7
Meat and provisions	32	26	1	5
Gasoline	73	49	19	5
Totals	404	301	45	58

CARL M. SMITH,
Sealer of Weights and Meausres.

REPORT OE INSPECTOR OF MILK

Reading, Mass., December 31, 1925.

To the Members of the Board of Health,
Town of Reading, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—The following is my report of the inspection of the milk supply for the Town of Reading for the year 1925.

The inspection for this year has not varied in many respects from that conducted in previous years. It has consisted of the licensing of all dealers in milk and of all the stores and restaurants selling milk in the town, the collection and analyses of the milk for the butter fat and total solids content and in the inspection of the premises upon which the milk is produced and the conditions under which it is handled and bottled. Also several complaints have been investigated and I am pleased to report that where suggestions were offered for the remedy of the cause of the complaints, they were in most cases readily complied with. The average for the butter fat and total solids content of the local milk this year was about the same as that of last year.

I would like to call your attention and the attention of all interested mothers and fathers of small children to a bill that will shortly be introduced to the Legislature to the effect that all milk drawn from a cow, unless such cow has been tested within a period of one year by the tuberculin test and has been found not to react thereto, must be pasteurized. This to my mind is a worthy measure and merits the support of all interested people.

Yours very truly,

CARL M. SMITH, Inspector.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

December 31, 1926.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Reading, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—I wish, at this time, to submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1925:

During the early part of the year a tour of inspection was made of all cattle, sheep and swine, and the premises where such animals were kept. Where conditions of the premises were found unfit for proper comfort and health of the live stock, suggestions were made for betterment of such conditions and a subsequent visit made to see they were carried out. Cattle were examined and any showing symptons of contagious or infectious disease were disposed of and the premises disinfected.

During the early winter this section was visited by the European Fowl Plague, many poultrymen loosing almost their entire flock before the disease was brought under control. Quarantine of all poultry shipments aided much in bringing it within control.

Rabies was diagnosed in a few dogs during the year, but fortunately persons bitten received treatment. No doubt the vaccination of dogs against rabies has helped materially in keeping down the number of cases which appear in places where the treatment is being used extensively.

About two hundred twenty-five head of cattle, four goats, and upward of one hundred swine were inspected this year.

Yours very truly,

C. H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

Mr. Frederick L. Springford,
Chairman of the Law Committee,
Reading, Mass.

Dear Mr. Springford:—Since I took office as Town Counsel last May I have advised the different town departments on a multitude of questions. I believe that with one exception I have advised every department at one time or another during the year. I have also rendered opinions in writing on what seemed to be the more important questions at the rate of about three opinions weekly. I have also attended to work at the Land Court concerning tax titles.

By direction of the Board of Selectmen I represented the Town at a hearing in the Middlesex Probate Court on the petition for instructions brought by the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, et al., Executors under the will of Gilman L. Parker.

By direction of the Board of Selectmen I also prepared and filed in the General Court a bill entitled "An Act Providing for Appointive Trustees of Trust Funds in the Town of Reading."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HOWARD.

REPORT OF TREASURER

To the Citizens of Reading:

My annual report as Treasurer is submitted as follows:

As authorized by vote at our March 9th meeting $20,000.00 of 4% Water Main Loan Bonds were issued and sold, dated May 1, 1925, payable $2,000.00 yearly May 1, 1926, to May 1, 1935, inclusive.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Notes January 1, 1925 outstanding	$428,800.00	
Water Main Loan Bonds	20,000.00	
		$448,800.00
Bonds and notes paid in 1925	$ 48,800.00	
December 31, 1925 outstanding	400,000.00	
		$448,800.00

NOTES ISSUED IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE

January 1, 1925 outstanding	$125,000.00	
Notes issued in 1925	345,000.00	
		$470,000.00
Notes paid during year	$355,000.00	
December 31, 1925 Notes Outstanding	115,000.00	
		$470,000.00

Our Trust Funds have been increased this year by receipts from the Executors of the Gilman L. Parker Estate of $5,000.00 for a High School Scholarship Fund with $41.11 Interest and $35,000.00 as part of the Bequest for a Hospital Fund with $10,000.00 interest.

An account of receipts and payments is shown on the following page and an itemized account of this with statements of our Trust Funds will be found in our Town Accountant's report which shows these accounts in detail.

WILFRED A. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Reading, December 31, 1925.

TREASURER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 31, 1925

Debtor

Balance, January 1, 1925		$ 58,708.51
Grace V. Viall, Collector	$451,722.59	
Commonwealth of Mass., Taxes, etc.	44,177.08	
Municipal Light Dept., Receipts	213,011.78	
Water Dept. Receipts	47,224.49	
Sewer Dept., Guarantee Deposits	2,697.06	
Dept. of Public Welfare, Receipts	4,191.82	
School Dept., Receipts	12,055.66	
Cemetery Dept., Receipts	5,938.59	
Other Depts., Receipts	5,727.53	
Miscellaneous, Receipts	1,845.78	
Interest on Deposits	1,419.84	
Water Dept., Bonds Sold	20,000.00	
Water Dept., Premiums and Accured Interest	132.89	
Temporary Loans, Anticipation of Revenue	345,000.00	
Trust Funds, Bequests and Interest, etc.	56,600.91	
Trust Funds for Re-investment	14,659.22	
		$1,226,405.24
Total Receipts		$1,285,113.75

Creditor

Discount Temporary Loans	$ 7,750.79	
Interest on Notes and Bonds, Funded Debt	10,148.75	
State Taxes and Assessments	36,828.04	
County Tax	16,452.40	
Notes and Bonds paid during 1925	48,800.00	
Temporary Loans Paid	355,000.00	
Other payments	757,295.83	
Total Payments		$1,232,275.81
Balance Dec. 31, 1925		52,837.94
		$1,285,113.75

Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended December 31

1925

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The annual report of the accounting department, showing the receipts and expenditures, and other information relative to the financial transactions of the Town, is herewith submitted.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited, bank balances and cash verified and proved.

The accounts of Trust Funds have been audited, securities examined and bank balances verified.

The Collector's accounts have been examined, collections checked with payments to the Treasurer, and auditor's statements of unpaid taxes, at date of audit, have been sent out.

The books and accounts of the Water Dept., Sewer, Moth and Cemetery Departments and of the Sealer of Weights and Measures have been examined and verified.

Statements of balances have been furnished the several departments or the accounts checked with the Accountant's ledger.

Acknowledgement is made, with appreciation, of the continued co-operation of the Board of Selectmen and other officials and department heads with this office.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON G. BENT, Town Accountant.

December 31, 1925.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Receipts for 1925

Grace V. Viall, Collector:		
Taxes, Poll, Personal, Real Estate	$432,743.66	
Interest on Taxes	4,381.38	
Moth Assessments	1,083.75	
Sewer Assessments	4,613.07	
Interest on Sewer Assessments	898.34	
Sewer Rentals	5,988.20	
Summons, Costs and Charges, less fees	508.35	
Redemption of Property	1,505.84	
		$451,722.59
Wilfred A. Bancroft, Treasurer:		
Moth Bills, 1924-1925	$ 1,224.10	
Sidewalk Work Bills	191.34	
Interest on Deposits	1,419.84	
Premium & Accrued Interest on Bonds	132.89	
Municipal Light Dept. Tax Reimbursement	76.23	
Cemetery Bequest Funds, Bequests & Int.	6,551.69	
Cemetery Bequest Funds, for re-investment	14,659.22	
Reading High School Scholarship Fund	5,041.11	
Hospital Fund	45,000.00	
Geo. F. Buck Fund, Interest	3.29	
Library Fund, Interest	4.82	
		$ 74,304.53
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Corporation Tax	$ 9,927.74	
Income Tax	32,986.07	
National Bank Tax	397.16	
Street Railway Tax	768.15	
Soldiers' Exemption	97.96	
		44,177.08
County of Middlesex, Dog Tax		1,075.85
Board of Selectmen, Licenses, Permits, etc.		808.20
Moth and Tree Warden Dept's:		
Sundry		178.50
Police Department:		
Court Fines	690.00	
Sale Material	6.46	
		696.46

Fire Department, Sale Material, Services, etc. ..		163.65
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Fees		46.14
Board of Health:		
Contagious Diseases Account, Reimbursements	135.22	
Licenses and Permits, etc.	118.25	
		253.47
Board of Public Works, Sundry Receipts	53.67	
Highway Dept., M. & M. Gas Lt. Co.	312.50	
		366.17
Dept. of Public Welfare:		
Comm. of Mass., Mothers' Aid	2,038.71	
Comm. of Mass., Temporary Aid	2,021.45	
Comm. of Mass., Burial Expenses	40.00	
Sundry Receipts	81.66	
Sundry Parties, Reimbursements	10.00	
		4,191.82
Soldiers' Relief Account		37.00
Comm. of Mass., State Aid, Reinbursement.....		402.00
School Department:		
Comm. of Mass., Tuition, State Wards	1,580.10	
Federal Board Voc. Ed., U. S. Veterans, Bureau, Tuition	895.17	
City of Boston, Tuition	1,528.00	
City of Melrose, Tuition	299.62	
Town of North Reading, Tuition	5,855.94	
Town of Tewksbury, Tuition	142.50	
Sundry Parties, Tuition	150.00	
Comm. of Mass. Voc. Ed. Aid	877.74	
Comm. of Mass., Tuition Reimbursement ...	408.46	
Smith-Hughes Fund	287.58	
Sundry Receipts	30.55	
		12,055.66
Public Library Fines		300.00
Municipal Light Department:		
Light and Power Rates, etc.		213,011.78
Water Department:		
Water Rates, etc.		47,224.49
Sewer Department, House Connection Deposits .		2,697.06
Cemetery Department:		
Sundry Parties, Sale Lots and Graves	2,739.00	
Sundry Parties, Care Lots and Graves	3,199.59	
		5,938.59
Temporary Loans		345,000.00
Water Mains Extension Loan		20,000.00

Rents:		
C. L. Deming	360.00	
Sundry Parties	700.50	
		1,060.50
Refunds:		
Treasurer's Expense Account	4.00	
Interest Account	420.23	
Police Dept. Account	3.67	
Board of Public Welfare Account	20.00	
Highway Dept. Account	.50	
Sewer Maint. Account	166.85	
Water Dept. Maint. Account	16.00	
		631.25
Miscellaneous Receipts		62.45
Total Receipts		$1,226,405.24

PAYMENTS OF 1925

Overlay 1924 Abatements	$ 77.25
Overlay 1925 Abatements	7.59
Moderator's Salary	60.00
Selectmen's Expenses	288.37
Selectmen's Clerical	1,310.00
Accountant's Salary	1,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	354.96
Collector's Salary	2,000.00
Collector's Expenses	709.36
Collector's Clerical	136.50
Assessors' Salaries	1,800.00
Assessors' Expenses	1,997.47
Assessors' Clerical	1,300.00
Block System Survey	313.90
Town Counsel's Salary and Expenses	575.16
Town Clerk's Salary	350.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	567.53
Board of Public Works, Salaries & Expenses	5,090.01
Registrars' Salaries	250.00
Election Expenses	1,310.66
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,834.21
Municipal Building Maintenance	2,948.98
Fire Stations Maintenance and Repairs	842.65
Victory House Lighting	106.25
G. A. R. Rooms Lighting	8.66
G. A. R. Rooms Rent	360.00
Insurance	5,657.70
Interest	18,319.77

Police Department Maintenance & signal system	6,151.45
Police Department Salaries	17,325.09
Police Department Special Officers	910.04
Fire Department Maintenance	4,728.76
Fire Department Salaries	14,509.65
Fire Department Call Men Pay Roll	2,436.16
Fire Alarm Maintenance and new boxes	1,491.33
Moth Department Maintenance	6,185.79
Tree Warden Maintenance	1,670.63
Forest Warden Maintenance	502.79
Hydrant Rentals	6,685.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Inspector of Buildings Salary	300.00
Inspector of Wires Salary	100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary	400.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses	99.28
Health Department Salaries	250.00
Health Department Expenses	521.21
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	700.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	200.00
Inspector of Milk Salary	100.00
Care of Contagious Diseases	1,390.47
Garbage Collection	1,800.00
Sewer Department, Maintenance and Construct'n	7,780.14
House Connections Account	2,846.61
Highway Department:	59,999.39
Snow and Ice Removal	4,625.94
Drainage Ditches Cleaning	2,769.55
Street Lighting	11,000.00
Dept. of Public Welfare, Maintenance	7,412.97
Dept. of Public Welfare, Clerical Salary	352.00
Dept. of Public Welfare, Visitor's Salary	400.00
Dept. of Public Welfare, special appropriation	3,519.42
Dept. of Public Welfare, Mothers' Aid	4,051.41
Dept. of Public Welfare, Temporary Aid,	2,248.30
State Aid, Acct. Civil War	340.00
Military Aid	30.00
Soldiers' Relief	3,067.66
School Department:	
General Maintenance	38,747.32
Salaries	118,939.79
Agricultural Maintenance	230.48
Agricultural Salaries	3,615.78
Agricultural Salaries, Smith-Hughes Fund	287.58
Tuition, Vocational Education	585.77
Public Library Maintenance	2,746.24
Public Library Salaries	2,782.70

Park Department, Maintenance	2,558.65	
Laurel Hill Cemetery Maintenance	12,259.10	
Water Department, Maintenance, Etc.	44,874.80	
Municipal Light Department, Maintenance, Etc.	222,601.17	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	500.00	
Memorial Day Observance	351.35	
Water Department, Cash	100.00	
Municipal Light Dept., Cash	150.00	
No. Main Street Sidewalk	175.06	
Channell Property Purchase	7,600.00	
Victory House Maintenance	500.00	
Child Welfare Work	300.00	
Middlesex Co. Bureau of Agriculture	200.00	
Planning Board Exp.	846.26	
Traffic Beacons	1,388.00	
School Land, Survey, Etc.	148.33	
Forest Glen Cemetery Development	10,910.31	
School Land Purchase Expenses	838.33	
Building Lines	100.00	
John Street Drain	14,228.26	
County Tax	16,452.40	
State Tax	21,600.00	
State Highway Tax	3,886.14	
Fire Prevention Tax	103.83	
Municipal Lighting Tax	76.23	
Corporation Tax	70.41	
Water Mains, Construction	11,760.99	
Metropolitan Sewer Assessments	11,155.84	
Temporary Loans	355,000.00	
Maturing Debt, not including Water & Light Dept.	23,000.00	
Cemetery Bequest Fund, Bequests & Inc., Trans.	5,312.23	
Cemetery Bequest Fund, Securities Purchased	14,659.22	
Geo. F. Buck Fund, Income Transfer	3.29	
Library Fund, Income Transfer	4.82	
Reading High School Scholarship Fund Transfer	5,041.11	
Hospital Fund Transfer	45,000.00	
Total Payments		$1,232,275.81

TREASURER'S CASH

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1925	$ 58,708.51	
Receipts, 1925	1,226,405.24	
	$1,285,113.75	
Payments 1925	1,232,275.81	
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1925		$ 52,837.94

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1925

General Government:		
Moderator's Salary	$ 60.00	
Selectmen's Expenses	300.00	
Selectmen's Clerical	1,310.00	
Accountant's Salary	1,000.00	
Treasurer's Salary	1,000.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	400.00	
Tax Collector's Salary	2,000.00	
Tax Collector's Expenses	700.00	
Tax Collector's Clerical	150.00	
Assessors' Salaries	1,800.00	
Assessors' Expenses	2,000.00	
Assessors' Clerical	1,300.00	
Town Clerk's Salary	350.00	
Town Clerk's Expenses	575.00	
Town Counsel's Salary and Expenses	600.00	
Registrars' Salaries	250.00	
Election Expenses	1,000.00	
Board of Public Works, Salaries and Office Expenses	5,100.00	
Block System Survey	250.00	
		$ 20,145.00
General Accounts:		
Miscellaneous Expenses	$ 3,000.00	
Municipal Building Maintenance	3,000.00	
Fire Stations, Maintenance and Repairs	1,000.00	
Lighting G. A. R. Rooms	25.00	
Lighting Victory House	200.00	
Insurance	5,500.00	
Interest	18,000.00	
		$ 30,725.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department, Salaries	$ 17,329.72
Special Officers	200.00
Maintenance and Signal System	6,300.00
Fire Department, Salaries	14,509.59
Call Men, Salaries	2,444.00
Maintenance	5,000.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance and New Boxes	1,465.00
Moth Department Maintenance	6,200.00
Tree Warden Maintenance	1,500.00
Forest Warden Maintenance	500.00

Inspector of Wires, Salary	100.00	
Inspector of Buildings, Salary	300.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary	400.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expenses	100.00	
Hydrant Rentals	6,685.00	
Drinking Fountains	100.00	
		$ 63,133.31

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salaries	$ 250.00	
Board of Health, Expenses	600.00	
Inspector of Plumbing, Salary	700.00	
Inspector of Milk, Salary	100.00	
Inspector of Animals, Salary	200.00	
Care Contagious Diseases	2,000.00	
Garbage Removal	1,800.00	
		$ 5,650.00

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS, ETC.

Highway Maintenance	$ 60,000.00	
Snow and Ice Removal	4,000.00	
Drainage Ditches	3,000.00	
Street Lighting	11,000.00	
		$ 79,000.00

CHARITIES AND AID

Board of Public Welfare, Clerical	$ 352.00	
Board of Public Welfare, Visitor	400.00	
Board of Public Welfare, Aid, Board, Etc.	8,000.00	
Mothers' Aid	4,000.00	
Temporary Aid, Comm. of Mass.	2,000.00	
		$ 14,752.00

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Soldiers' Relief	$ 3,000.00	
Military Aid	200.00	
State Aid	500.00	
		$ 3,700.00

EDUCATION

School Department: Salaries, General Acct.:	$119,022.50	
Expenses, General Acct.	39,750.00	
Salaries, Agr. Acct.	3,840.00	

Expenses, Agr. Acct.	500.00	
Vocational Tuition	800.00	
Public Library, Salaries	2,800.00	
Public Library, Expenses	2,750.00	
		$169,462.50

RECREATION

Care Common and Parks and Supervised Play ..	$ 2,600.00

CEMETERIES

Forest Glen Cemetery	$ 10,000.00
Laurel Hill Cemetery	8,300.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day Observance	500.00

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

Maturing Debt	$ 4,980.48	
Reserve Fund	3,000.00	
Rent G. A. R. Rooms	360.00	
Victory House Maintenance	500.00	
Care Soldiers' Graves	500.00	
Comm. of Mass. Pauper Support	3,519.42	
John Street Drain	15,000.00	
Traffic Beacons	1,338.00	
Channell Property Purchase	7,600.00	
Child Welfare Work	300.00	
Agriculture and Home Economics	200.00	
Planning Board	1,000.00	
School Land Purchase	20,000.00	
School Land Survey, Etc.	2,500.00	
		$ 60,797.90
Total Appropriations		$468,765.71

APPROPRIATIONS NOT FROM TAX LEVY

*Maturing Debt	$ 16,121.93	
‡Maturing Debt	1,897.59	
		$ 18,019.52

* Appropriated from Excess and Deficiency Account.
‡ Appropriated from Overlay Reserve Fund.

RECAPITULATION

Town Expenses, Debt, Etc.	$468,765.71	
State Taxes and Assessments	36,828.04	
County Tax	16,452.40	
		$522,046.15
Overlay		4,671.37
		$526,717.52

VALUATION

1925	
Real Estate	$11,749,305.00
Personal Estate	1,534,680.00
Total Valuation	$13,283,985.00
Assessed @ $33.75:	
Real Estate Tax	$ 396,540.95
Personal Estate Tax	51,800.57
	$ 448,341.52
Poll Tax 2688 @ $2	5,376.00
	$ 453,717.52

APPROPRIATIONS

1925	
Town Purposes	$468,765.71
State & County Taxes, etc.	53,280.44
Overlay	4,671.37
	$526,717.52
Less	
Estimated Receipts	73,000.00
	$ 453,717.52

December Commitment

Real Estate	$ 5,900.00	Real Estate Tax	$ 299.13
Personal Estate	3,001.00	Personal Estate Tax	101.31
		Poll Tax	10.00
	$ 8,901.00	Total Tax Dec.	$ 310.44
Poll Tax 5 @ $2.00	10.00		

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, ETC.

1925

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
State Tax	$ 21,600.600	
State Highway Tax	3,886.14	
Fire Prevention Tax	109.83	
Municipal Lighting Tax	76.23	
Metropolitan Sewerage Assessments	11,155.84	
County of Middlesex, County Tax	16,452.40	
		$ 53,280.44

ACCOUNTING, TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

TAXES 1921

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1925	$ 194.62	
Collected 1925		$ 148.00
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		46.62
	$ 194.62	$ 194.62

TAXES 1922

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1925	$ 431.94	
Collected 1925		$ 84.77
Abatements		89.98
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		257.19
	$ 431.94	$ 431.94

TAXES 1923

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1925	$ 1,689.63	
Commitment, Add'l	.59	
Collected 1925		$ 1,205.18
Abatements		118.29
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		366.75
	$ 1,690.22	$ 1,690.22

TAXES 1924

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1925	$119,918.45	
Commitment, Add'l	30.00	
Collected 1925		$115,677.14
Abatements		516.35
Transfer to Tax Titles Acct.		2,366.55
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		1,388.41
	$119,948.45	$119,948.45

TAXES 1925

Commitment September	$453,717.52	
Commitment December	300.44	
Commitment Poll Taxes Add'l	10.00	
Collected		$315,628.57
Abatements		2,144.87
Transfer to Tax Titles Acct.		430.31
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		135,824.21
	$454,027.96	$454,027.96

MOTH 1924

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1925	$ 346.25	
Collected 1925		$ 343.25
Transfer to Tax Titles		3.00
	$ 346.25	$ 346.25

MOTH 1925

Commitment	$ 1,070.65	
Collected 1925		$ 740.50
Tranfer to Tax Titles		9.00
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		321.15
	$ 1,070.65	$ 1,070.65

SEWER ASSESSMENTS
Unapportioned

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1925	$ 760.84	
Betterments Assessed in 1925	1,471.14	
Collected 1925		$ 1,746.45
Apportioned 1925		261.81
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		223.72
	$ 2,231.98	$ 2,231.98

SEWER ASSESSMENTS
Apportionment of 1924

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1925	$ 966.93	
Transfer to Tax Titles		$ 10.26
Collected 1925		956.67
	$ 966.93	$ 966.93

INTEREST ON SEWER ASSESSMENTS
Apportionment of 1924

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1925	$ 292.64	
Charged Add'l	51.27	
Collected 1925		$ 343.91
	$ 343.91	$ 343.91

SEWER ASSESSMENTS
Apportionment of 1925

Commitment 1925	$ 2,556.47	
Collected 1925		$ 1,716,91
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		839.56
	$ 2,556.47	$ 2,556.47

INTEREST ON SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Apportionment of 1925

Commitment 1925	$ 816.20	
Charged Add'l	8.51	
Collected 1925		$ 554.43
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		270.28
	$ 824.71	$ 824.71

SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Apportioned Receivable—Deferred Payments 1925 to 1935

Balance Jan. 1, 1925	$ 13,849.09	
Assessments 1925	261.81	
Receipts 1925, Advanced Payments		$ 193.04
Committed to Collector 1925		2,556.47
Balance Dec. 31, 1925		11,361.39
	$ 14,110.90	$ 14,110.90

SEWER RENTALS

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1925	$ 87.90	
Charged in 1925	6,084.80	
Collected in 1925		$ 5,988.20
Transfer to Tax Titles		9.30
Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1925		175.20
	$ 6,172.70	$ 6,172.70

OVERLAY 1921

Balance Jan. 1, 1925		$ 194.62
Transferred to Overlay Reserve Fund	148.00	
Balance to 1926	46.62	
	$ 194.62	$ 194.62

OVERLAY 1922

Transfer from Reserve Fund		$ 89.98
Abatement, 1925	$ 89.98	
	$ 89.98	$ 89.98

OVERLAY 1923

Balance Jan. 1, 1925		$ 1,689.63
Charged to Balance		.59
Abatements 1925	$ 118.29	
Transfer to Overlay Reserve Fund	1,195.28	
Balance to 1926	376.65	
	$ 1,690.22	$ 1,690.22

OVERLAY 1924

Balance Jan. 1, 1925		$ 5,253.94
Charged, Return		30.00
Refunds & Abatements 1925	$ 593.60	
Transfer to Overlay Reserve Fund	3,301.93	
Balance to 1926	1,388.41	
	$ 5,283.94	$ 5,283.94

OVERLAY 1925

Appropriation		$ 4,671.37
Commitment, Poll Taxes Add'l		10.00
Commitment, December		300.44
Refunds & Abatements 1925	2,152.46	
Balance to 1926	2,829.35	
	$ 4,981.81	$ 4,981.81

OVERLAY RESERVE FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1925		$ 1,897.59
Transfer from Overlay, 1921		148.00
Transfer from Overlay, 1923		1,195.28
Transfer from Overlay, 1924		3,301.93
Transfer to Maturing Debt Account	$ 1,897.59	
Balance to 1926	4,645.21	
	$ 6,542.80	$ 6,542.80

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

Receivable

Balance Jan. 1, 1925		$ 7,781.04
Charges in 1925		18,252.71
Received in 1925 & Credits	$ 22,295.31	
Committed to Collector 1925	1,070.65	
Balance to 1926	2,667.79	
	$ 26,033.75	$ 26,033.75

WATER DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Dr.		
Balance Jan. 1, 1925	$ 105.72	
Meter rates, etc., charged in 1925	47,414.24	
Cr.		
Receipts 1925		$ 47,224.49
Discounts, Etc.		48.42
Balance Dec. 31, 1925		247.05
	$ 47,519.96	$ 47,519.96

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance Jan. 1, 1925	$ 24,548.19	
Light, Power, etc., charged in 1925	237,905.95	
Interest, Customers' Deposits	43.29	
Receipts 1925		$213,011.78
Discounts, Credits		14,378.16
Bills uncollectible, charged off		41.05
Balance Dec. 31, 1925		35,066.44
	$262,497.43	$262,497.43

CEMETERY RESERVE FUND

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance Jan. 1, 1925		$ 1,631.71
Receipts, Sale Lots and Graves		2,739.00
Transferred to Laurel Hill Cemetery Account	$ 2,719.64	
Balance to 1926	1,651.07	
	$ 4,370.71	$ 4,370.71

TAX TITLES HELD BY TOWN

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance from 1924	$ 3,886.33	
Transfer from Taxes, 1924	2,366.55	
Transfer from Taxes ,1925	430.31	
Transfer from Sewer & Moth Assessments	31.56	
Redemption of Property		$ 1,505.84
Balance to 1926		5,208.91
	$ 6,714.75	$ 6,714.75

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance Jan. 1, 1925		$ 16,121.93
Transferred Tax Title Revenue		1,537.40
Transferred Revenue Account		9,995.87
Transferred Reserve Fund		1,591.27
Transferred to Maturing Debt Account	$ 16,121.93	
Transferred to Tax Titles Revenue	2,828.42	
Balance to 1926	10,296.12	
	$ 29,246.47	$ 29,246.47

RESERVE FUND

Cr.

Balance Jan. 1, 1925		$ 490.56
Appropriation		3,000.00

Dr.

Transfers to Sundry Accounts	$ 1,899.86	
Balance to 1926	1,590.70	
	$ 3,490.56	$ 3,490.56

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Moderator's Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 60.00

Dr.

Jesse W. Morton	$ 60.00	
	$ 60.00	$ 60.00

Selectmen's Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 300.00

Dr.

Marion P. Allen	$ 2.00	
C. F. Atkinson	10.00	
Helen A. Brown	30.00	
F. J. Barnard & Co.	6.00	
Comm. of Mass., Public Safety Dept.	1.20	
M. F. Charles	1.40	
Vera Y. Cobb	1.50	
Hobbs & Warren	2.22	
H. M. Meek Pub. Co.	6.00	
Mun. Light Dept.	21.25	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	82.00	
New England Towel Supply Co.	16.80	
W. F. Turner, Jr.	3.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	78.57	
U. S. Post Office	6.93	
John N. Weston	10.00	
Wakefield Daily Item	6.00	
Woburn Daily Times	3.50	
Total Payments	288.37	
Balance to Revenue	11.63	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Selectmen's Clerical

Appropriation		$ 1,310.00
Dr.		
Leon G. Bent	$ 1,310.00	
	$ 1,310.00	$ 1,310.00

Town Accountant's Salary

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Dr.		
Leon G. Bent	$ 1,000.00	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Treasurer's Salary

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Dr.		
Wilfred A. Bancroft	$ 1,000.00	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Treasurer's Expenses

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 400.00
Refund		4.00
Dr.		
Adams, Cushing & Foster	$ 9.41	
Allen Bros.	3.65	
Wilfred A. Bancroft	1.00	
M. F. Charles	7.20	
Comm. of Mass., Div. of Accounts	54.00	
Dimond Union St. wks	.50	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	49.74	
Prentiss & Parker	75.00	
Thorp & Martin Co.	6.10	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	22.90	
U. S. Post Office	116.46	
Ward's, Stationers	9.00	
Total Payments	354.96	
Balance to Revenue	49.04	
	$ 404.00	$ 404.00

Tax Collector's Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Dr.		
Grace V. Viall	$ 2,000.00	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Tax Collector's Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		9.36
Dr.		
Amstaco	$ 5.50	
F. W. Barry, Beale Co.	2.73	
M. F. Charles	.30	
Clinton W. Crafts	161.00	
Cummings Exp. Co.	.35	
Hobbs & Warren	12.31	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	39.51	
New England Towel Supply Co.	7.20	
Prentiss & Parker	100.00	
Stan. Mailing Mch. Co.	40.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	150.99	
U. S. Post Office	176.44	
Grace V. Viall	13.03	
Total Payments	$ 709.36	$ 709.36

Tax Collector's Clerical

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Dr.		
Vera Y. Cobb	$ 4.50	
Jessie M. Staples	23.75	
Marion P. Allen	27.50	
Christine F. Atkinson	80.75	
Total Payments	136.50	
Balance to Revenue	13.50	
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Assessors' Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 1,800.00

Dr.

Edward B. Eames	600.00	
J. Fred Richardson	600.00	
Alvah W. Clark	$ 600.00	
	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,800.00

Assessors' Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00

Dr.

L. L. Applin	$ 22.42	
C. F. Atkinson	23.25	
Marion P. Allen	182.50	
Am. R'y Exp. Co.	.55	
M. F. Charles	4.35	
Alvah W. Clark	50.00	
Mrs. Mary Daniel	39.00	
Dalton Add. Mch. Co.	1.25	
Mary L. Doran	31.50	
Philomena Doucette	509.25	
Hobbs & Warren	3.66	
Library Bureau	112.29	
Munson Supply Co.	4.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	48.62	
New England Towel Supply Co.	7.80	
Quality Press	14.00	
J. Fred Richardson	50.00	
Harry W. Stacy	5.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	886.03	
U. S. Postoffice	2.00	
Total Payments	1,997.47	
Balance to Revenue	2.53	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Assessors' Clerical

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,300.00

Dr.

Christine F. Atkinson	$ 1,300.00	
	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00

Block System Survey

Cr.

Balance from 1924		$ 69.40
Appropriation		250.00

Dr.

Davis & Abbott	$ 313.90	
Balance to 1926	5.50	
	$ 319.40	$ 319.40

Town Counsel's Salary and Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 600.00

Dr.

Jesse W. Morton, Att'y	$ 166.66	
Charles P. Howard, Att'y	333.34	
Expenses	75.16	
Total Payments	575.16	
Balance to Revenue	24.84	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Town Clerk's Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 350.00

Dr.

Millard F. Charles	$ 350.00	
	$ 350.00	$ 350.00

Town Clerk's Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 575.00

Dr.

Art Metal Co.	$ 29.80	
C. F. Atkinson	60.00	
M. F. Charles	331.98	
Sundry Parties Returns	57.25	
P. B. Murphy	14.25	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	21.59	

Wards, Stationers	52.66	
Total Payments	567.53	
Balance to Revenue	7.47	
	$ 575.00	$ 575.00

Board of Public Works

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 5,100.00

Dr.

Harry B. Collins, Salary	$ 3,300.00
Clerical Salaries	1,116.88
Abbott & McKay	15.53
Adams Company	5.08
American Ry. Exp. Co.	.48
Amstaco	2.15
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co.	.75
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	.77
C. W. Crafts	31.55
E. A. Carpenter	4.20
Davis & Abbott	8.00
H. W. DuBois & Co.	1.06
Dennison Mfg. Co.	1.29
Fire & Water Eng. Co.	5.00
Francis Bros.	1.12
Graff-Underwood Co.	6.12
Thos. Groom & Co.	3.25
Library Bureau	16.78
Municipal Light Co.	8.09
H. B. McArdle	28.60
B. L. Makepeace	1.51
Samuel Narcus	3.69
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	186.00
H. V. Palmer	7.00
Prentiss & Parker	12.50
Perfect Typ. Key Co.	8.00
Reading Motor Co.	16.41
Registry of Motor Vehicles	12.00
Reliance R. & C. Co.	16.17
Spaulding, Moss Co.	.81
Thorp & Martin Co.	8.39
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	9.16
Solid Hed Tack Co.	.25
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	6.00
Underwood Typewriter Co.	1.99

U. S. Post Office	3.00	
D. Van Nostrand	2.50	
T. H. Von Kamecke	230.00	
Ward's Stationers	1.13	
Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co.	7.28	
Total Payments	5,090.01	
Balance to Revenue	9.99	
	$ 5,100.00	$ 5,100.00

Board of Registrars
Salaries

Cr.

Appropriations		$ 250.00

Dr.

Preston F. Nichols	$ 60.00	
Owen McKenney	60.00	
Walter S. Prentiss	60.00	
Millard F. Charles, Clerk	70.00	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Election Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		310.66

Dr.

Sundry Parties, Election Officers	$ 571.50	
Am. Ry. Exp. Co.	5.86	
H. W. Batchelder	8.00	
Boston El. Ry. Co.	2.00	
M. F. Charles	7.10	
Cummings Exp. Co.	14.62	
Clapp & Leach	17.50	
E. B. Currell & Son	87.21	
Damon, Chapman Co.	147.00	
A. I. Davis	6.90	
Pay Roll, Highway Dept.	23.94	
T. C. Fife	6.77	
Security Lodge, I. O. O. F.	160.00	
F. F. Smith	.90	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	251.36	
Total Payments	$ 1,310.66	$ 1,310.66

Miscellaneous Expense

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00

Dr.

A. G. A. Co.	$ 149.94	
Allen Bros.	.50	
Marion P. Allen, Census	54.00	
Amstaco	5.00	
Am. Express Co.	8.21	
Amberg File & Index Co.	4.17	
A. Russell Barnes, Expenses	6.32	
L. G. Bent, Clerk, Fin. Com.	50.00	
L. G. Bent, Expenses	5.80	
Blackbird Pen Co.	7.00	
Carter's Ink Co.	13.32	
Very Y. Cobb	26.25	
Cummings Express Co.	.35	
E. B. Currell & Sons	61.85	
Mary F. Daniel, Census	43.00	
Philomena Doucette, Census	47.00	
H. W. Dubois & Co.	32.65	
Evernu-Century Sign Co.	174.00	
G. H. Flint	6.30	
H. L. Haseltine	7.80	
Highway Dept. Payroll	14.58	
Hodson Bros.	7.25	
Margaret Hunt	9.50	
H. B. McArdle	44.25	
G. W. Marshall	.50	
Mass. Fed. Pl. Bd.	10.00	
H. M. Meserve & Co.	11.59	
Municipal Light Dept.:		
Old South Clock and Reading Sign	238.02	
Old South M. E. Society	50 00	
Prentiss & Parker	10.00	
Senbusch Co.	3.83	
P. N. Sweetser	9.00	
Charles N. Smart	2.07	
Jas. P. Towhill Co.	159.59	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	1,522.22	
U. S. Post Office	2.00	
Water Dept.	19.00	
Y. & E. Mfg. Co.	21.35	
Total Payments	2,834.21	
Balance to Revenue	165.79	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Municipal Building
Maintenance
Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00

Dr.

Pay Roll, Tree Warden	$ 81.00	
Pay Roll, Highway Dept.	26.04	
Am. Express Co.	.42	
Art Metal Construction Co.	46.80	
O. W. Austin	1.50	
E. B. Currell & Son	5.60	
Cummings Express Co.	.35	
H. I. Dallman Co.	10.74	
T. C. Fife	45.17	
George L. Flint	10.00	
Francis Brothers	4.55	
William Kelch	13.22	
W. H. Killam	43.20	
H. B. McArdle	30.75	
Malden & Melrose Gas Lt. Co.	6.00	
G. W. Marshall	1.50	
Mass. State Prison	11.50	
Middlesex Co.	.51	
Municipal Light Board	799.13	
Harvey H. Quigley	595.00	
Rochester Germ. Co.	22.50	
Frank S. Simpson	20.00	
C. H. Stinchfield	821.50	
Sewer Dept.	39.90	
Wakefield Win. Cl. Co.	6.00	
Water Dept.	45.10	
Y. & E. Mfg. Co.	261.00	
Total Payments	2,948.98	
Balance to Revenue	51.02	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Fire Stations
Maintenance and Repairs
Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00

Dr.

W. Bancroft & Co.	$ 16.34	
E. G. Barker Lumber Co.	73.14	
Clapp & Leach	4.20	

E. B. Currell & Son	4.05	
E. A. Crosby	6.00	
Francis Bros.	2.63	
T. C. Fife	80.45	
Hodson Bros.	43.91	
E. A. Hurd, Inc.	7.00	
Municipal Light Dept.	302.40	
Milhender Elec. Co.	4.41	
Sewer Dept.	6.90	
Percy N. Sweetser	208.00	
Underwriters' Equip. Co.	19.55	
Water Department	46.30	
Western Electric Co.	2.37	
R. H. White Co.	15.00	
Total Payments	842.65	
Balance to Revenue	157.35	
	$1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

Victory House. Lighting

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 200.00

Dr.

Municipal Light Dept.	$ 106.25	
Balance to Revenue	93.75	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

G. A. R. Rooms. Lighting

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 25.00

Dr.

Municipal Light Dept.	$ 8.66	
Balance to Revenue	16.34	
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

G. A. R. Rooms. Rent

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 360.00

Dr.

Mahlon E. Brande	$ 360.00	
	$ 360.00	$ 360.00

Insurance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 5,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		157.70

Dr.

Robt. S. Burgess	$ 92.50	
Harry U. Camp	123.34	
A. S. Cook	372.00	
Louis Davis	1,904.26	
George E. Horrocks	555.00	
Kingman & Richardson	223.33	
Prentiss & Parker	2,387.27	
Total Payments	$ 5,657.70	$ 5,657.70

Interest

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 18,000.00

Dr.

Various Parties, Interest, Temporary Loans	$ 7,750.79	
Various Parties, Interest, not including Municipal Light and Water Loans	10,148.75	
Total Payments	17,899.54	
Balance to Revenue	100.46	
	$ 18,000.00	$ 18,000.00

Police Department. Maintenance & Signal System

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 6,300.00
Refund		3.67

Dr.

Am. Ry. Exp. Co.	$ 1.23	
G. H. Atkinson Co.	10.20	
Boston & Maine R. R.	14.73	
Wm. J. Brown, M. D.	10.00	
Central Garage	378.13	
M. F. Charles	5.55	
Chase & Finnegan	4.50	
Jeremiah Cullinane	72.28	
Cummings Exp. Co.	.35	
George W. Davis Co.	16.40	
Edgerly & Bessom	15.00	
Herrick Foote	50.00	
A. D. Gordon	19.50	

E. M. Halligan, M. D.	10.00	
Earl G. Hobart	1.00	
Gamewell Co.	3,578.38	
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	53.23	
Kenney's Service Station	1.52	
M. Linsky & Bros.	12.50	
Mosler Safe Co.	6.88	
Municipal Light Dept.	596.91	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	161.53	
Portalite Co.	40.00	
E. A. Raphael Co.	65.00	
Reg. of Motor Vehicles	15.00	
Read Inc., Tire Shop	11.00	
Stan. U. Cable Co.	760.35	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	2.25	
Stoneham Battery Station	35.24	
F. F. Smith	1.85	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	6.44	
Traffic Sign & Signal Co.	63.50	
Jas. T. Towhill Co.	12.00	
W. F. Turner, Jr.	15.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	9.00	
Various Parties, Special Work	95.00	
Total Payments	6,151.45	
Balance to Revenue	152.22	
	$ 6,303.67	$ 6,303.67

Police Department. Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 17,329.72

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 17,325.09	
Balance to Revenue	4.63	
	$ 17,329.72	$ 17,329.72

Police Department. Special Officers

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		710.04

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 910.04	
	$ 910.04	$ 910.04

Fire Department. Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 5,000.00

Dr.

Adams Co.	$ 45.50	
American Gear Co.	4.29	
American Wire Equip. Co.	404.07	
Am. Ry. Exp. Co.	4.30	
G. P. Anderson	22.77	
Auto Rad. & Batt. Co.	5.00	
J. W. Austin	10.25	
G. H. Atkinson Co.	4.78	
W. Bancroft Co.	54.05	
Henry K. Barnes	10.08	
G. E. Belcher Machine Co.	88.92	
Boston Radiolite Co.	22.09	
Boston Pub. Co.	4.24	
Boston Nickel Plating Co.	6.50	
Boston Post	1.05	
Central Garage	.25	
Chase's Express	.65	
Clifford Supply Co.	18.00	
Converse Rubber Shoe Co.	5.75	
M. F. Charles	5.55	
Chase & Finnegan	6.00	
Clapp & Leach	2.20	
H. O. Copeland & Co.	22.65	
Cummings Exp. Co.	23.87	
E. B. Currell & Son	4.00	
Danforth's Pharmacy	1.40	
George W. Davis Co.	19.80	
C. L. Deming	1.80	
L. W. Dickinson & Son	831.65	
Hugh L. Eames	75.00	
El. Mach. & Inst. Co.	11.32	
T. C. Fife	44.23	
Fire Prevention	1.00	
Fire & Water Eng.	4.00	
Francis Bros.	94.17	
Globe Mfg. Co.	67.70	
Globe Newspaper Co.	1.60	
Globe Rubber Co.	14.70	
A. D. Gordon	51.45	
Grether Fire Equip. Co.	9.67	
S. Gregorie	5.25	
Gould Packing Co.	2.70	
Hodson Bros.	13.22	

R. M. Hollingshead & Co.	14.70	
Kenney's Service Station	22.81	
Knox Motor Associates	115.30	
C. F. Kress & Sons	174.00	
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co.	45.49	
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., & Son	4.07	
Merrimac Chemical Co.	17.60	
Milwaukee Tool & Forge Co.	34.30	
C. W. H. Moulton Co.	4.50	
Municipal Light Dept.	118.15	
J. A. Murphy	3.00	
N. E. Fire Appliance Co.	5.18	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	93.27	
North Reading Wagon Co.	6.80	
O. O. Ordway	5.86	
Rolland L. Perry	31.00	
Portalite Co.	82.44	
Reading Custom Laundry	133.81	
Reading Rubber Mfg. Co.	54.40	
Reading Motor Co.	19.20	
Reading Tire Shop	488.05	
E. E. Randall	5.00	
E. D. Richmond, M. D.	30.50	
Seagrave Corp'n	235.00	
P. J. Seaman	13.64	
F. F. Smith	15.87	
Standard Oil Co.	288.22	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	42.80	
Stoneham Battery Station	30.00	
Mrs. Adolph Turner	8.50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	3.00	
Underwriters Equipment Co.	495.03	
U. S. Post Office	2.00	
Valley Elec. Co.	1.98	
F. Wallace	10.35	
Water Department	3.00	
Wetmore-Savage Co.	17.50	
Western Elec. Co.	1.75	
A. J. Wilkinson & Co.	7.22	
Winship Boit & Co.	15.00	
W. H. Willis	1.00	
Total Payments	4,728.76	
Balance to Revenue	271.24	
	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00

Fire Department. Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 14,509.59
Transfer from Reserve Fund		.06

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 14,509.65	
	$ 14,509.65	$ 14,509.65

Fire Department. Call Men Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,444.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 2,436.16	
Balance to Revenue	7.84	
	$ 2,444.00	$ 2,444.00

Fire Alarm Maintenance & New Boxes

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,465.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		26.33

Dr.

Am. Steel & Wire Co.	$ 205.59
Am. Ry. Exp. Co.	3.65
W. Bancroft & Co.	2.10
Geo. E. Belcher Mach. Co.	1.47
H. E. Bussell	12.25
Boston & Maine R. R.	5.18
M. F. Charles	3.35
Clapp & Leach	.40
Cummings Exp. Co.	7.25
E. B. Currell & Son	38.48
Danforth's Pharmacy	.40
H. L. Eames	70.36
Elec. Mch. & Inst. Co.	7.16
T. C. Fife	22.47
Francis Bros.	18.79
Gamewell Co.	664.63
Hodson Bros.	3.30
J. M. Maxwell Jr. & Son	4.05
Metcalf Store	.69
Municipal Light Dept.	200.20
Oxidite Mfg. Co.	1.45
Reading Motor Co.	1.00
Vye-Smith & Co.	96.74
F. Wallace	6.30

Western Electric Co.	112.37	
A. J. Wilkinson & Co.	1.70	
Total Payments	$ 1,491.33	$ 1,491.33

Moth Department

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 6,200.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 4,850.35	
Allen Bros.	.80	
Am. Ry. Ex. Co.	.42	
Auto Glass Co., Ser. Sta.	1.50	
Joseph Breck & Sons	11.76	
Samuel Cabot	18.15	
Cummings Express Co.	3.70	
H. M. Donegan	96.00	
T. C. Fife	2.15	
Francis Brothers	37.98	
Frost Insecticide Co.	97.08	
Hodges Co., Inc.	41.65	
C. L. Jeans & Co.	1.50	
John Street Garage	62.40	
John Lucas & Co.	639.68	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	26.41	
Reading Tire Shop	70.95	
Registry of Motor Veh.	2.00	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	163.55	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	57.21	
F. Wallace	.55	
Total Payments	6,185.79	
Balance to Revenue	14.21	
	$ 6,200.00	$ 6,200.00

Tree Warden

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		175.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 1,042.36	
William C. Barrett	36.30	
Breck-Robinson Co.	98.00	
Joseph Breck & Sons	71.36	
Blue Hill Nurseries	150.00	

Blue Nose Tool Co.	7.84	
Cummings Express	2.50	
H. M. Donegan	200.00	
Francis Bros.	31.15	
C. I. Nesmith, Jr.	18.00	
P. J. Seaman	3.12	
Zanni & Co.	10.00	
Total Payments	1,670.63	
Balance to Revenue	4.37	
	$ 1,675.00	$ 1,675.00

Forest Warden

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		2.79

Dr.

Pay Rolls	28.75	
Am. Fire Equip. Co.	2.18	
Commission of the Blind	52.50	
Chase's Express	2.00	
H. M. Donegan	15.00	
Hodson Bros.	3.70	
Kenney's Service Station	20.21	
N. E. Fire Appliance Co.	148.60	
Underwriters' Equip. Co.	229.85	
Total Payments	$ 502.79	$ 502.79

Hydrant Rentals

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 6,685.00

Dr.

Water Department	$ 6,685.00	
	$ 6,685.00	$ 6,685.00

Drinking Fountains

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 100.00

Dr.

Water Department	$ 100.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Inspector of Buildings

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Dr.		
A. Russell Barnes	300.00	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Inspector of Wires. Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Dr.		
Arthur G. Sias	$ 100.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures. Salary

Cr.

Appropriations		$ 400.00
Dr.		
Carl M. Smith	$ 400.00	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures. Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Dr.		
Wm. R. Borthwick	$ 41.00	
H. P. Farwell	6.00	
Hobbs & Warren	.35	
Prentiss & Parker	15.54	
Carl M. Smith	15.00	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	8.00	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	13.39	
Total Payments	99.28	
Balance to Revenue	.72	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Board of Health. Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 250.00

Dr.

Christine F. Atkinson	$ 100.00	
E. M. Halligan, M. D.	75.00	
C. H. Playdon	75.00	
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Board of Health. Expenses

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 600.00

Dr.

Art Metal Const. Co.	$ 47.00	
American Railway Exp. Co.	6.24	
M. F. Charles	2.20	
Cummings Exp. Co.	.50	
George L. Flint	200.00	
M. V. Harrington	75.00	
Chas. McKenney	17.00	
Hobbs & Warren	7.64	
John J. Murray	65.88	
National Coat & Apron Supply Co.	9.75	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	36.37	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	43.00	
W. M. Quillen	10.63	
Total Payments	521.21	
Balance to Revenue	78.79	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Inspector of Plumbing. Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 700.00

Dr.

David Taggart	$ 700.00	
	$ 700.00	$ 700.00

Inspector of Animals. Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 200.00

Dr.

Calvert H. Playdon	$ 200.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Inspector of Milk. Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 100.00

Dr.

Carl M. Smith	$ 100.00	
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Care Contagious Diseases

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00

Dr.

G. H. Atkinson Co.	$ 11.22	
Adams Company	4.70	
Chase & Finnegan	6.15	
M. V. Harrington	75.00	
E. M. Halligan, M. D.	35.00	
C. R. Henderson, M. D.	30.00	
City of Malden, Contagious Hospital	72.50	
Edw. J. O'Brien, M. D.	10.00	
Mass. Homeopathic Hospital	325.50	
International Chem. Co.	33.70	
North Reading State San.	611.80	
City of New York Health Dept.	25.00	
Rutland State Sanitarium	133.40	
P. N. Sweetser	16.50	
Total Payments	1,390.47	
Balance to Revenue	609.53	
	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Garbage Collection

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,800.00

Dr.

David W. Davis	$ 1,493.50	
Joseph Farpella	6.50	
Wm. Woodland	300.00	
	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,800.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Construction and Maintenance

Cr.

Balance from 1924	$ 17,710.05
Refund	166.85
Betterment Assessments, Interest and Rentals	11,499.61

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 2,489.58	
Abbott & McKay	34.64	
Auto Glass Co.	1.50	
F. A. Bessom	15.00	
Barbour & Dixon	337.77	
Burroughs Add. Mch. Co.	.77	
Isaac Bolton	48.00	
Boston & Maine Railroad	1.22	
Antony Cefalo	2,781.20	
Cummings Exp. Co.	.35	
Louis Davis	16.87	
Elliott Co.	8.60	
Francis Bros.	1.54	
A. D. Gordon	6.50	
Hodson Bros.	26.32	
E. A. Hurd, Inc.	45.00	
E. Landry	150.00	
Mfgrs. Equipment Co.	29.68	
Prentiss & Parker	235.11	
Reading Motor Co.	433.78	
Reading Tire Shop Co.	43.50	
Reg. of Motor Vehicles	4.00	
F. F. Smith	6.72	
Standard Oil Co.	96.80	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	2.55	
Percy N. Sweetser	218.00	
U. S. Post Office	44.16	
T. H. Von Kamecke	127.00	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	573.98	
Total Payments	7,780.14	
Balance to 1926	21,596.37	
	$ 29,376.51	$ 29,376.51

SEWER DEPARTMENT

House Connection

Cr.

Balance from 1924		$ 1,216.18
Guarantee Deposits		2,697.06

Dr.

Refunds	$ 334.45	
Pay Rolls	1,250.11	
Anthony Cefalo	54.86	
Creditors' Cl. House	1.15	

Cummings Express Co.	9.15	
T. C. Fife	.35	
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	146.16	
O. O. Ordway	77.25	
Reading Motor Co.	18.80	
Reading Tire Shop	17.50	
F. F. Smith	21.94	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	2.66	
Standard Oil Co.	57.08	
S. R. Stembridge	31.20	
P. N. Sweetser	595.48	
Waldo Bros. Bond Co.	228.47	
Total Payments	2,846.61	
Balance to 1926	1,066.63	
	$ 3,913.24	$ 3,913.24

Highway Department

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 60,000.00
Refund		.50

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 17,125.93
Abbot McKay	8.78
Am. Ry. Exp. Co.	1.34
Atlantic Steel Co.	78.06
Autocar S. S. Co.	3,496.79
Barrett Co.	11,998.21
W. Bancroft Co.	24.10
Barber Asphalt Co.	1,700.00
B. & M. R. R.	544.64
Jos. Breck & Sons Corp.	37.17
Buffalo Sp'fld. R. Co.	35.20
Chandler Farquhar Co.	2.40
E. A. Carpenter	2.80
Chase's Auto Exp.	2.25
Wm. J. Corcoran	103.00
Cummings Exp. Co.	8.10
E. B. Currell & Son	223.27
Curry Bros. Oil Co.	111.63
Davis & Abbott	234.35
L. W. Dickinson & Son	14.00
C. W. Doloff Co.	2,157.63
Economy Lub. Co.	36.57
T. C. Fife	28.44

F. E. Fitts Mfg. Co.	7.11
Francis Bros.	172.31
Frederick Frotten	266.20
General Cr. Stone Co.	4,680.47
Globe Newspaper Co.	12.80
Orrin Gray	1.40
Hodson Bros.	351.40
Hope Tire Corp.	41.86
E. A. Hurd, Inc.	234.20
Ind. Coal Tar Co.	336.40
Genevieve B. Kingman	27.78
Kenney's Ser. Station	87.88
Emma S. Knowles	170.50
Lowell Sun	4.41
R. F. Loring, Treas.	16.47
B. L. Makepeace	4.59
John F. McDonough	627.00
D. O. Miller Co.	121.12
M. McDonough Co.	6,654.26
Montrose Ser. Station	1,508.19
Mun. Light Dept.	68.87
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	64.96
N. E. Rd. Blds. Assoc.	13.20
N. E. Road Mch. Co.	79.47
Frank L. Noble	30.80
Dana F. Perkins	72.00
Reading Co-op Bank	46.25
Rea. Motor Co.	167.01
Rea. Tire Shop	1,334.15
Registry of Motor Vehicles	16.10
Roessler & Sons, Inc.	1,370.16
Russell Coal Co.	88.88
Rea. Lunch Room	1.75
Alden Speare Sons Co.	50.24
P. J. Seaman	6.75
Standard Oil Co.	1,072.79
Spaulding Moss & Co.	4.52
P. N. Sweetser	1,176.43
S. R. Stembridge Co.	358.64
Fred F. Smith	69.13
Texas Co.	462.50
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	7.78
Universal Rd. Mch. Co.	10.61
T. H. Von Kamecke	88.86
Waldo Bros. Bond Co.	10.88
F. Wallace	17.65

Zanni & Co.	8.00	
Total Payments	59,999.39	
Balance to Revenue	1.11	
	$ 60,000.50	$ 60,000.50

Removal Snow and Ice

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 5,000.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 2,107.41	
Sundry Parties, Plowing	874.00	
J. W. Austin	7.20	
Acme Road Mch. Co.	290.00	
W. Bancroft & Co.	8.80	
Boston & Maine Railroad	34.56	
F. A. Butters	3.35	
W. E. Clark & Co.	46.87	
Cummings Exp. Co.	18.75	
Eastern Tractors Co.	119.16	
Francis Brothers	3.75	
T. C. Fife	1.00	
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., & Son	3.00	
Reading Motor Co.	4.43	
Reading Tire Shop	1.00	
New England Road Mach. Co.	855.40	
F. F. Smith	42.35	
Standard Oil Co.	158.55	
S. R. Stembridge Co.	3.00	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	43.36	
Total Payments	4,625.94	
Balance to Revenue	374.06	
	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00

Cleaning Drainage Ditches

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 749.40	
Berger Mfg. Co.	882.35	
Antony Cefalo	192.65	
Cummings Exp. Co.	1.42	
Francis Bros.	4.50	
Frederick Frotten	48.00	

A. D. Gordon	39.00	
Housing Co.	55.00	
Puritan Iron Works	231.50	
P. J. Seaman	6.75	
Percy N. Sweetser	63.05	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	495.93	
Total Payments	2,769.55	
Balance to Revenue	230.45	
	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

John Street Drain

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 15,000.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	62.06	
Barbour & Dixon	374.52	
W. Bancroft & Co.	13.20	
Antony Cefalo	12,316.83	
Globe Newspaper Co.	10.80	
E. A. Hurd, Inc.	122.48	
H. W. Hunt Co.	42.07	
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	47.98	
Dana F. Perkins	28.00	
W. A. Snow Iron Wks. Co.	282.00	
P. N. Sweetser	901.07	
U. S. Post Office	1.08	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	26.17	
Total Payments	14,228.26	
Balance to 1926	771.74	
	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00

Street Lighting

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 11,000.00

Dr.

Municipal Light Department	$ 11,000.00	
	$ 11,000.00	$ 11,000.00

Department of Public Welfare

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 8,000.00
Refund	20.00

Dr.

Cash Payments	$ 2,430.00	
Sundry Parties, Board	1,577.08	
Sundry Parties, Rent	68.75	
Sundry Parties, Labor	102.00	
Comm. of Mass., Board and Care	1,147.28	
City of Everett	5.00	
City of Boston	1,072.41	
City of Cambridge	206.15	
G. H. Atkinson Co.	101.29	
W. Bancroft & Co.	38.00	
L. G. Bent	1.05	
Boston Meat Co.	4.33	
Helen A. Brown	66.55	
Chase & Finnegan	5.00	
M. F. Charles	1.20	
F. W. Cail	3.64	
George F. Dow, M. D.	108.00	
Edgerly & Bessom	42.00	
Gerritson & Melanson	4.75	
A. D. Gordon	2.00	
E. M. Halligan, M. D.	3.00	
E. W. Hancock	12.43	
Hobbs & Warren	5.66	
Indian Head Farm	51.32	
Mass. Homeopathic Hospital	42.00	
Municipal Light Dept.	26.77	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	54.86	
Reading Dental Clinic	.50	
Reading Custom Laundry	2.00	
E. D. Richmond, M. D.	35.00	
D. Sheehan	9.03	
Stewart Dairy Co.	12.18	
F. L. Smalley, M. D.	8.00	
O. P. Symonds & Sons	5.00	
Percy N. Sweetser	8.25	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	4.55	
Water Department	77.25	
W. H. Willis	5.05	
Winchester Hospital	54.56	
F. Wallace	9.08	
Total Payments	7,412.97	
Balance to Revenue	607.03	
	$ 8,020.00	$ 8,020.00

Clerical

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 352.00
Dr.		
Leon G. Bent	$ 352.00	
	$ 352.00	$ 352.00

Visitor's Salary

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Dr.		
Helen A. Brown	$ 400.00	
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Mothers' Aid

(Chapter 118, General Laws)

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		51.41
Dr.		
Cash Payments	$ 3,158.00	
G. H. Atkinson Co.	37.05	
Rent Payments	420.00	
W. Bancroft & Co., Fuel	4.25	
Helen A. Brown, Expenses	2.40	
Wm. J. Brown, M. D.	4.00	
F. W. Cail, Milk	21.14	
W. A. Connelly, D. M. D.	13.00	
George F. Dow, M. D.	4.00	
E. M. Halligan, M. D.	95.00	
Indian Head Farm, Milk	105.82	
Mass. General Hospital	1.00	
Reading Dental Clinic	16.50	
S. D. Rounds, D. M. S.	14.50	
F. L. Smalley, M. D.	62.50	
P. N. Sweetser, Fuel	92.25	
Total Payments	$ 4,051.41	$ 4,051.41

Temporary Aid

(Chapter 117, General Laws)

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		248.30

Dr.

Cash Payments	$ 1,453.00	
Rent	483.00	
G. H. Atkinson Co.	9.28	
W. Bancroft Co.	116.50	
W. J. Brown, M. D.	24.00	
W. A. Connelly, D. M. D.	2.00	
Reading Dental Clinic	5.00	
George L. Doherty	40.00	
G. F. Dow, M. D.	8.00	
Mass. Home. Hosp.	27.00	
Indian Head Farm	7.14	
Mary J. Reed	12.00	
F. A. Saunders	3.00	
J. Surrette	11.00	
P. N. Sweetser	36.75	
F. Wallace	10.63	
Total Payments	2,248.30	$ 2,248.30

State Aid

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 500.00

Dr.

Payments Account, Civil War	$ 268.00	
Payments Account, World War	72.00	
Balance to Revenue	160.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Soldiers' Relief

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3 000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		67.66

Dr.

Cash Payments:		
Civil War	$ 645.00	
Spanish War	850.00	
Mexican Border	182.00	
World War	550.00	
Board, Acct. World War	160.00	
Rent, Acct. World War	160.00	
L. G. Bent, Expenses, Acct. World War	3.40	
City of Malden, Acct. World War	42.00	
Malden Hospital, Acct. World War	18.00	

City of Medford, Acct. World War	20.00	
Comm. of Massachusetts, Acct. World War	409.26	
Total Payments	$ 3,067.66	$ 3,067.66

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
General Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 39,750.00

Dr.

Adams Co.	$ 11.25
Mona L. Ames	10.61
George H. Adams	508.00
J. Albert	4.50
Allen Shade Holder Co.	171.98
Allyn & Bacom	103.76
American Book Co.	350.85
American Child Health Ass'n	5.00
American Educ. Digest	3.00
American Medical Ass'n	3.00
American Type Founders Co.	6.98
American Railway Express Co.	30.73
Andrews Paper Co.	7.50
The Arlo Pub. Co.	7.37
G. H. Atkinson Co.	39.47
O. W. Austin	2.25
Edward E. Babb & Co.	778.55
Walter H. Baker Co.	6.75
Bacon & Vincent Co.	2.20
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	42.54
Bangs Fixture Co.	6.80
F. J. Barnard & Co.	199.70
M. Barrows & Co.	19.51
Harold W. Batchelder	2.00
Berry & Withington	14.34
C. C. Birchard & Co.	81.65
Boston Metal Ceiling Co.	345.00
Boston Sculpture Co.	17.00
Milton Bradley Co.	149.94
Joseph Breck & Sons	6.60
James Brine Co.	38.00
Mabel M. Brown	21.75
Bruce Publishing Co.	29.90
,Bureau of Vocational Inf.	3.70
M. M. Carter	31.50
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co.	6.70

Central Scientific Co.	263.90
The Century Co.	212.26
M. F. Charles	2.95
Clapp & Leach	227.04
Leonard Clarkson	6.60
College Ent. Exam. Board	2.00
Courtis Standard Research Tests	5.13
F. M. Crosby	27.75
The Cudahy Packing Co.	4.40
Cummings Express Co.	138.48
E. B. Currell & Co.	98.74
H. I. Dallman Co.	324.10
The Davis Press	4.50
Mrs. Charles A. Damon	5.00
George W. Davis	1.20
Marion Day	28.23
C. L. Deming	5.50
Matthew Devaney	188.00
L. W. Dickinson & Son	9.00
Oliver Ditson Co.	48.79
Dodd, Mead & Co.	5.80
G. B. Dolge Co.	45.71
H. W. Dubois & Co.	44.10
E. P. Dutton Co.	1.68
Alberta F. Drury	7.00
Hugh L. Eames	5.00
Eastern Mass. St. Ry. Co.	1,400.00
Edgerley & Bessom	2.00
Educator Association	11.60
W. R. Elliott Co.	94.24
Esterbrook Steel Pen Mfg. Co.	34.06
T. C. Fife	632.82
Food Sales & Warehouse	27.60
Francis Brothers	162.37
Otis Carl Funderburk	10.00
The Fyr Fyter Co.	106.92
Edward P. Garbati	75.00
C. A. Gates Co.	376.00
Ginn and Co.	692.27
Mason D. Gray	8.64
Gregg Pub. Co.	101.16
The Gregg Writer	2.00
W. S. Guiler	1.18
F. G. Hall	2.80
J. L. Hammett & Co.	3,603.71
C. S. Hammond & Co.	58.08

Harcourt, Brace & Co.	136.03
Harris & Gilpatric	297.72
Harvard Co-operative Society	1.35
The Norman C. Hayner Co.	116.50
D. C. Heath & Co.	333.63
Heywood-Wakefield Co.	14.70
High School Prin. Ass'n of Mass.	3.00
Mary E. Hilton	32.40
Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge	1.43
Hodge Boiler Works	416.01
Hodson Brothers	812.77
George E. Horrocks	4.90
Houghton-Mifflin Co.	255.23
J. B. Howard	11.55
Howe & French, Inc.	170.29
B. W. Huebsch, Inc.	3.43
The Independent	3.00
Iroquois Pub. Co.	177.48
Iver Johnson Sporting G. Co.	37.42
Johnson Pub. Co.	6.00
Joint Com. on Prevent. Del., Inc	5.20
Jordan Marsh Co.	47.05
The Kardex Co.	500.77
William Kelch	9.50
Mrs. W. E. King	20.00
Charles Knapp	2.00
Alfred A. Knopf	5.48
Laidlaw Bros.	21.41
Charles E. Lauriat Co.	136.44
B. J. Leathers	14.75
R. W. LeBaron	15.00
G. T. Lewis	124.94
Samuel Lewis	60.76
Alex Lindsay	4.00
J. B. Lippincott Co.	26.61
Little, Brown & Co.	3.29
Longmans, Green & Co.	2.94
Ida C. Lucas	31.90
C. Leroy Lyons	9.68
Lyons & Carnahan	143.85
H. B. McArdle	236.76
McIntosh Pub. Co.	1.48
Jennie Mackie	.75
The Macmillan Co.	180.85
E. F. Mahady Co.	5.06
Malden & Melrose Gas L. Co.	186.99

George W. Marshall	28.83
Marshall Jones Co.	4.63
James Mason	1,320.90
Masterleaf Record Bk. Co.	.75
Mass. Bible Society	34.10
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., & Sons	342.11
Charles E. Merrill Co.	91.42
H. M. Meserve Co.	13.05
D. O. Miller Co.	287.58
Modern Hospital Pub. Co.	5.00
Mothercraft Headquarters	8.15
Municipal Light Board	1,597.48
J. A. Murphy	12.35
John Muse	34.50
National Com. for Mental Hygiene	3.00
National Com. for Preven. of War	2.13
National Educ. Ass'n	35.00
National Safety Council	35.00
New Eng. Ass'n of Col. & Secon. Schs.	2.00
New Eng. Pub. Co.	19.00
New England Sales Co.	25.73
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	493.77
New Eng. Voc. Guid. Ass'n	2.00
W. W. Newhouse	1.00
Grace Nichols	1.50
Nightingale & Childs	583.69
Ira S. Noyes	48.90
Wm. F. O'Brien	3.00
The Office Appliance Co.	243.02
The Old Corner Book Store	135.15
J. C. Oxley	.35
A. N. Palmer Co.	8.39
The Palmer Co.	.21
The Papercrafters, Inc.	18.82
Parker & Page Co.	149.73
Edward Patten	19.00
Paulson Products Corp.	9.75
Dana F. Perkins	91.00
Isaac Pitman & Sons	1.98
Progressive Educ. Ass'n	2.00
G. P. Putnam's Sons	4.85
Public School Publishing Co.	30.34
W. F. Quarrie & Co.	2.70
Harvey Quigley	511.35
Rand, McNally Co.	78.78
Reading Custom Laundry	5.85

Reading Greenhouses & Nurseries	74.40
Reading High School Lunch	15.00
Reading Motor Co.	791.40
T. of R. Sewer Dept.	695.40
T. of R. Water Dept.	829.20
Reformatory for Women	75.79
Regents Publishing Co.	10.88
Sumner H. Remick	5.00
The Republic Pub. Co.	4.00
J. Fred Richardson	1.05
The Ronald Press	4.19
A. Rothe	8.40
E. W. A. Rowles	15.50
Royal Laundry Service	2.87
Royal Typewriter Co.	100.85
Harold Rugg	179.24
The Rural New Yorker	1.00
Ryan & Buker	40.10
Safe Roads Federation of Mass.	1.00
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.	162.44
Porter Sargent	11.00
Schoenhof's	2.50
Scientific Materials Co.	3.74
The Science Press.	5.00
Scott, Foresman & Co.	82.96
Charles Scribner's Sons	88.10
P. J. Seaman	2.50
H. A. Shepard & Co.	27.30
E. C. Schirmer Music Co.	5.51
Silver Burdett & Co.	70.81
Bernice Smith	15.00
Fred F. Smith	107.45
South Western Pub. Co.	13.60
The Standard Elec. Time Co.	27.19
S. R. Stembridge	18.25
The Sterling Products Co.	123.85
S. G. Stewart & Co.	2,401.50
Stone & Forsyth Co.	11.75
George Sully & Co.	1.50
Supt. of Documents	.50
The Survey	18.00
Percy N. Sweetser	7,274.88
O. P. Symonds & Son	26.40
Leon T. Tarpin	5.41
Teachers' College	30.17
Teachers' Journ. & Abstract	2.00

Myrtle W. Tilton	2.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	406.47	
Underwood Typewriter Co.	240.00	
United States Post Office	44.12	
The University of Chicago	5.00	
The University of Chicago Press	4.14	
The University Supply & Bk. Co.	9.90	
Inglis Van Buskirk	17.60	
Wales Adding Machine Co.	11.46	
F. Wallace	3.18	
Ward's	6.40	
Warwick & York	13.93	
Wellesley Press, Inc.	2.75	
Wensell & Co.	11.00	
West Disinfecting Co.	35.55	
C. F. Williams & Son, Inc.	9.13	
W. H. Willis	7.50	
John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	2.48	
H. W. Wilson Co.	6.00	
John C. Winston Co.	49.74	
The Woman Citizen	3.50	
The Woman's Press	3.50	
G. H. Worcester & Co.	14.85	
World Book Co.	1,129.81	
Wright & Potter Print. Co.	8.12	
Wright & Ditson	21.12	
Wrought Iron Range Co.	8.91	
Young's Store	17.50	
Zanni & Co.	90.25	
Total Payments	38,747.32	
Balace to Revenue	1,002.68	
	$ 39,750.00	$ 39,750.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

General Salaries

	Cr.	
Appropriation		$119,022.50
	Dr.	
Supt. and Teachers' Pay Roll	$104,077.04	
Janitors	9,019.00	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund	3,743.75	

Medical Inspection	500.00	
School Nurse	1,600.00	
Total Payments	118,939.79	
Balance to Revenue	82.71	
	$119,022.50	$119,022.50

Agricultural School Department. Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 500.00

Dr.

American Book Co.	$ 1.58
Allen Shade Holder Co.	11.24
Edward E. Babb & Co.	8.33
Wendall Bancroft Co.	2.50
Milton Bradley Co.	7.33
The Century Co.	4.98
M. F. Charles	.15
DeWolfe & Fiske Co.	16.00
Oliver Ditson Co.	7.56
J. L. Hammett Co.	5.68
Harper & Brothers	2.22
D. C. Heath & Co.	3.29
Hodson Brothers	6.23
Houghton Mifflin Co.	.93
The Keystone View Co.	4.66
The Lincoln School-Teachers College	.35
H. B. McArdle	5.00
The Macmillan Co.	24.18
Market Growers Journal	1.50
Mass. Agric. College	9.00
H. M. Meserve & Co.	1.70
D. O. Miller Co.	1.65
Modern Poultry Breeder	3.75
The Potter Press	1.60
Reliable Poultry Journ. Pub. Co.	2.00
Sanford Mills	1.43
Fred F. Smith	22.95
The Tablet & Ticket Co.	7.99
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	15.00
Waldo Brothers & Bond Co.	2.00
F. Wallace	2.60

A. W. Wiley	43.10	
Williams Book Store	2.00	
Total Payments	230.48	
Balance to Revenue	269.52	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Agricultural School Department. Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3,840.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 3,615.78	
Balance to Revenue	224.22	
	$ 3,840.00	$ 3,840.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Industrial Tuition

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 800.00

Dr.

City of Boston	$ 517.87	
City of Somerville	46.15	
Town of Wakefield	21.75	
Total Payments	585.77	
Balance to Revenue	214.23	
	$ 800.00	$ 800.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Maintenance

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,750.00

Dr.

American Book Company	$ 23.20	
F. J. Barnard Co.	48.30	
Edward A. Brown	108.35	
Bertha L. Brown, Expense	43.77	
Clapp & Leach	5.42	
E. A. Crosby	6.00	
E. B. Currell & Son	122.23	
H. I. Dallman Co.	9.32	
Dodd, Mead & Co.	107.25	

T. C. Fife	49.30	
Geo. L. Flint	1.00	
R. H. Hinckley Co.	53.55	
Hodson Bros.	26.85	
H. R. Huntting	260.08	
William Kelch	11.76	
Frank T. Knight	64.00	
Library Bureau	33.80	
H. M. Meek Publishing Co.	6.00	
Municipal Light Dept. Light	132.05	
Municipal Light Dept. Fuel	84.78	
Old Corner Book Store	1,340.18	
Sewer Dept.	6.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	66.05	
Wakefield Window Cl. Co.	86.00	
Water Dept.	6.00	
Frank J. Wilder	12.50	
H. W. Wilson Co.	1.00	
Women's Ed. & Ind. Union	31.50	
Total Payments	2,746.24	
Balance to Revenue	3.76	
	$ 2,750.00	$ 2,750.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,800.00

Dr.

Bertha L. Brown, Librarian	$ 1,200.00	
Grace J. Abbott, Asst. Librarian	720.00	
Charles H. Stinchfield, Janitor	520.00	
Various Parties, Clerical	342.70	
Total Payments	2,782.70	
Balance to Revenue	17.30	
	$ 2,800.00	$ 2,800.00

Park Department

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 2,600.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 1,456.84	
O. W. Austin	1.50	

W. Bancroft Co.	20.05	
Chas. Berry	106.00	
B. & M. R. R.	6.62	
Jos. Breck & Sons, Corp'n	326.81	
M. F. Charles	.35	
Cummings Exp. Co.	8.60	
C. L. Deming	2.40	
T. C. Fife	21.85	
Francis Bros.	28.41	
Kathryn Gay	119.95	
C. Hennecke Co.	27.00	
Hodson Bros.	1.32	
E. A. Hurd	200.00	
Harold R. Jones	8.00	
Geo. E. Lang	50.00	
G. W. Marshall	8.70	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	9.65	
F. F. Smith	25.13	
P. N. Sweetser	44.00	
O. P. Symonds & Sons	.80	
Wright & Ditson	84.67	
Total Payments	2,558.65	
Balance to Revenue	41.35	
	$ 2,600.00	$ 2,600.00

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT
Laurel Hill Cemetery

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 8,300.00
Transfer from Cemetery Bequest Fund		1,239.46
Transfer from Cemetery Reserve Fund		2,719.64

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 8,747.94	
Adams, Cushing & Foster	2.80	
Am. Ry. Exp. Co.	2.56	
W. C. Ainsworth	62.65	
O. W. Austin	26.00	
J. W. Austin	6.40	
Boston & Maine R. R.	4.87	
Barrett Co.	346.25	
Joseph Breck & Sons	331.50	
Burditt & Williams Co.	2.25	
Howard W. Batchelder	39.51	
Berger Mfg. Co.	42.00	

S. H. Carroll	60.50	
Cummings Exp. Co.	5.40	
M. F. Charles	.15	
Cherry Hill Nurseries	71.80	
Davis & Abbott	18.75	
P. E. & E. L. Emery	31.00	
H. A. Feindel	109.40	
T. C. Fife	28.57	
General Cr. Stone Co.	259.19	
A. E. Goodwin	22.20	
Grant Gear Works	11.50	
Hodson Bros.	12.28	
Kenney's Service Station	17.50	
C. W. McAuley	10.00	
Metropolitan Filling Station	104.85	
D. O. Miller Co.	9.00	
National Wreath & Spray Co.	98.00	
Municipal Light Department	8.42	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	83.92	
N. E. Contracting Co.	7.64	
Frank L. Noble	3.00	
Fred W. Nelson	12.50	
O. O. Ordway	2.00	
Prentiss & Parker	5.00	
Reading Rubber Mfg. Co.	3.60	
Reading Motor Co.	555.51	
Reading Tire Shop	7.05	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	4.00	
P. J. Seaman	11.74	
F. F. Smith	15.09	
Frank T. Simpson	30.50	
P. N. Sweetser	945.22	
Treat Hardware Co.	12.76	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	4.00	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	41.10	
Water Department	3.00	
Total Payments	12,259.10	$ 12,259.10

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Forest Glen Cemetery

Cr.

Balance from 1924	$ 910.31
Appropriation	10,000.00

Dr.

Pay Rolls	$ 2,497.48	
Boston & Maine R.R.	2.00	
Henry S. Adams	300.00	
Edw. A. Brophy	7,190.18	
Davis & Abbott	238.22	
J. A. LeFave	478.44	
H. A. Feindel	13.18	
New Eng. Contracting Co.	6.96	
Frank L. Noble ....r	8.00	
Percy N. Sweetser	90.00	
F. F. Smith	50.98	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	3.75	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	31.12	
	$ 10,910.31	$ 10,910.31

WATER DEPARTMENT

Cr.

Balance from 1924	$ 359.88
Receipts, 1925	47,224.49
Refund	16.00

Dr.

Bond Payments	$ 12,000.00
Interest	2,847.50
Pay Roll	14,849.45
Cash Payments	9.82
Adams Co.	.30
Abbott-McKay Corp.	8.78
G. H. Atkinson Co.	2.22
J. W. Austin	4.00
Am. Ry Exp. Co.	29.01
W. Bancroft & Co.	69.87
Banker & Tradesman	7.00
F. W. Barry, Beale Co.	6.43
G. E. Belcher Mfg. Co.	20.13
Boston Coupon Co.	16.00
Boston & Maine R.R.	625.05
Bristol Co.	7.69
Braman, Dow Co.	505.36
Burroughs Adding Mch. Co.	1.92
Castner, Curran & Bullitt, Inc.	767.53
George A. Caldwell Co.	81.58
Chandler Farquhar Co.	1.79
Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.	5.88
M. F. Charles	12.98

Chadwick, Boston Lead Co.	29.11
Chapman Valve Co.	610.66
W. E. Clark Co.	7.60
Clapp & Leach	1.65
Cummings Exp. Co.	97.68
E. B. Currell Son	20.47
Curry Bros. Oil Co.	25.49
Chas. A. Damon	15.25
Dennison Mfg. Co.	.23
H. W. Dubois Co.	5.24
Danforth's Pharmacy	1.08
Louis Davis	37.00
C. L. Deming	1.05
E. J. Dupont D. N. Co.	36.00
Eagle Oil Supply Co.	198.57
Elliott Co.	38.63
Fire & Water Eng. Co.	7.00
T. C. Fife	27.45
Fonda Lime Kilns	320.00
Francis Bros.	15.00
F. E. Fitts Mfg. Co.	5.71
Gamon Meter Co.	38.19
Garlock Packing Co.	10.47
Graff-Underwood Co.	6.03
Groton Knight Mfg. Co.	42.52
Hersey Mfg. Co.	618.14
Hodson Bros.	1.53
Hodge Boiler	114.47
Housing Co.	52.00
Hope Tire Co.	27.90
H. W. Hunt Co.	6.00
Jenkins Bros.	6.93
Wm. H. Jepson Corp.	454.95
Johns-Manville Co.	24.00
John St. Garage	12.25
Library Bureau	3.19
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	1,342.97
Malden & Melrose Gas & Lt. Co.	25.00
J. M. Maxwell & Son	1.20
Merrimac Ch. Co.	479.33
Wm. B. Merrill Co.	32.63
Henry I. Morgan	20.00
Mueller Co.	71.10
A. N. Mansfield, Tr.	3.00
H. B. McArdle	5.00
D. O. Miller Co.	45.59
Mun. Light Dept.	2,523.15

National Meter Co.	736.13
W. W. Nason	9.10
Town of North Reading	4.20
Neptune Meter Co.	213.17
Norwood Eng. Co.	4.57
N. E. Towel Supply Co.	9.60
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	166.41
O. O. Ordway	109.60
Paramount Pack. & Sup. Co.	30.08
R. E. Parker Mfg. Co.	11.32
Pettingill-Andrews Co.	4.66
Prentiss & Parker	476.29
Radiolite Co.	8.11
Registry of Motor Vehicles	4.00
Rensselaer Valve Co.	683.68
Reliance R. C. Co.	9.80
Reading Tire Co.	90.90
Reading Motor Co.	70.57
Russell Coal Co.	324.44
Red Hed Mfg. Co.	885.89
Sumner & Dunbar	276.02
P. N. Sweetser	5.00
Sullivan Mfg. Co.	3.60
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co.	8.57
Standard Oil Co.	135.04
Super Speed Belt Co.	3.89
H. P. Smith Mfg. Co.	460.00
F. F. Smith	85.86
Benj. W. Smith	28.80
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	205.03
Thomson Meter Co.	16.28
Thorp, Martin Co.	1.39
U. S. Post Office	115.40
Union W. W. Co.	87.10
Underwood Typewriter Co.	3.29
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	64.88
Westinghouse Mfg. Co.	2.88
Weston & Sampson	7.75
Ware Coup. & Nipple Co.	101.73
Wm. H. Willis	.25
Woburn Machine Co.	29.28
Worthington P. & M. Co.	10.94
Yarnall Waring Co.	14.47
Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co.	6.15
Total Payments	44,874.80

Balance to 1926	2,725.57	
	$ 47,600.37	$ 47,600.37

WATER DEPARTMENT

Construction, Mains

Libby Avenue and Forest Street

Cr.

Bonds Issued	$ 20,000.00
Premium and Interest	132.89

Dr.

Pay Roll	$ 1,857.43
Am. Bank Note Co.	66.00
W. Bancroft Co.	.88
L. G. Bent	6.00
B. Iron Foundry	114.24
Boston & Maine R. R.	707.27
Geo. A. Caldwell Co.	38.22
Chadwick, Boston Lead Co.	18.49
Chapman Valve Co.	34.80
Cummings Exp. Co.	44.53
Donaldson Iron Co.	1,785.25
Francis Bros.	.90
A. D. Gordon	19.50
Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins	35.00
Jenkins Bros.	129.84
Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	376.25
Mueller Co.	56.90
O. O. Ordway	72.90
Rensselaer Valve Co.	702.96
Richards & Co.	634.17
Second Nat'l Bank	10.00
Standard Oil Co.	5.85
U. S. Iron Pipe Co.	5,043.61
Total Payments	11,760.99
Balance to 1926	8,371.90
	$ 20,132.89 $ 20,132.89

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Cr.

Balance from 1924	$ 2,236.21
Receipts, 1925	213,011.78
Advanced by Treasurer	7,353.18

Dr.

Bond Payments	$ 13,800.00
Interest	5,633.50
Pay Rolls	70,202.06
Cash Payments	1,347.10
Addressograph Co.	256.14
H. L. Abbott	3.00
Aetna El. Appl. Co.	7.00
Am. City Magazine	2.00
Am. El. Ser. & Maint. Co.	415.51
Am. Railway Exp. Co.	235.43
Am. Schaeffer & Bundenburg Corp.	1.35
Karl Andrew Co.	155.20
Ansonia Elec. Co.	2,744.82
Arrow Service	46.70
C. F. Atkinson	25.00
Atlantic Steel Co.	95.98
Automatic El. Heater Co.	20.83
E. B. Badger Sons Co.	137.00
Baker-Vawter Co.	5.66
C. M. Bailey	116.70
J. Brinton Bailey	152.01
Edw. T. Balfrey	3.55
W. Bancroft Co.	38.63
Van I. Bennett	128.69
Robb. Block	58.20
Blackbird Pen Co.	3.50
R. H. Booth Sales Co.	350.00
Boston Lumber Co.	1,507.05
B. & M. R. R.	6,758.79
Boston Pub. Co.	60.00
Boston Radiolite Co.	10.25
C. Bowen	7.35
Braman-Dow & Co.	123.02
C. S. Binner Corp.	35.28
Brundy St. Trap Co.	3.87
Bristol Co.	6.49
Bromley & Co.	3.00
E. J. Brooks Co.	15.92
W. J. Brown, M. D.	5.00
Geo. H. Buckminster Co.	6,835.03
Bullock Mfg. Co.	16.25
Buffalo Gas Rad. Corp.	31.36
Castner Curran Bullitt Corp.	5,399.55
Campbell Mfg. Co.	8.33
Cummings Exp. Co.	325.90
E. K. Flood	12.90

Carbolineum W. P. Co.	40.42
Harry J. Carroll	2,949.25
Carter & Buck	1.70
Central Garage	392.03
Century Elec. Co.	15.38
Chandler Farquhar Co.	29.91
M. F. Charles	74.77
Chase Parker Co.	11.76
A. W. Chesterton	26.51
Clapp & Leach	495.67
Columbia Lamp Div.	4,037.07
Elmer C. Coombs	74.00
Crandall Packing Co.	9.02
E. B. Currell & Son	50.05
Cutler, Hammer Mfg. Co.	4.70
H. I. Dallman & Co.	19.17
Damon & Glenn	8.39
A. L. Danforth	77.40
Davis & Abbott	41.00
Geo. W. Davis Co.	65.93
Louis Davis	418.53
Paul W. Dayton	318.19
Dexter Bros. Co.	4.47
C. O. Deveau Mch. Tool Co.	8.50
E. O. Dewey, P. M.	360.24
D. M. Dillon St. B. Wks.	41.00
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	23.25
E. W. Eames	443.75
Ea. Service Co.	1,527.60
East. Mass. St. Ry. Co.	784.42
F. L. Edgerley	50.00
Edison Elec. Appl. Co.	84.62
Elec. Installation Co.	167.43
Elec. Range Utensil Co.	14.70
Elec. Mach. Inst. Co.	5.74
Electrical Record	3.00
Electrical World	5.00
J. M. Ellis & Sons	7.00
M. Ellis Co.	95.00
Emerson El. Mfg. Co.	1.75
Geo. A. Emerson	1.00
Eureka Vac. Cl. Co.	554.82
Fairbanks Co.	56.00
E. M. Fay Elec. Co.	346.65
Federal Elec. Co.	5.35
T. C. Fife	81.76
R. J. Fisher	13.61

Flynn, Emerich Co.	2,346.00
Foote, Burt & Co.	3.36
Foster, McDonald Co.	184.92
Francis Bros	131.18
Frederick Frotten	68.55
F. W. Freeman, Coll.	321.00
Fyr Fyter Co.	59.40
G. C. A. Mfg. Co.	12.71
Garlock Packing Co.	42.13
Garvin & Burbidge	22.00
Geier Co.	48.26
General Coal Co.	305.34
W. E. Gilson	52.68
General Elec. Co.	6,471.21
Gen. Fireproofing Co.	30.00
Gleason Tiebout Gl. Co.	469.89
Globe Packing Co.	2.45
Globe Paper Co.	2.09
Globe Stove & Range Co.	101.91
F. E. Gray	1,652.37
E. W. Ham. El. Co.	288.50
Hamilton Beach Mfg. Co.	7.93
F. S. Hardy & Co.	978.11
Harley Mach. Co.	6.82
H. M. Haven & A. L. Hopkinson, Inc.	1,250.00
H. N. Hartwell & Son, Inc.	1,688.52
Hayes Pump & Mch. Co.	54.26
Earl G. Hobart	164.75
Hobbs & Warren	13.50
Hodge Boiler Works	2,200.30
Hodges Co., Inc.	34.16
Chester T. Horton	15.00
H. W. Hunt Co.	3.43
Hurley Sales Corp.	1.45
Hyde Eng. Co.	110.00
India Alkali Wks.	43.59
Industrial Engineer	2.00
C. L. Jeans & Co.	38.15
Jenkins Bros.	21.71
Wm. A. Jepson Corp'n	583.26
John St. Garage	106.32
D. E. Justice	4.95
Jas. E. Kelly	1.25
Kelvinator, Boston Inc.	1,661.25
Kelvinator Corp.	1,571.13
Est. M. K. Kendall	300.00
M. K. Kendall & Co.	108.08

Kleen Heet Co. of N. E.	45.00
Kenney's Ser. Sta.	198.95
Kingman & Richardson	27.15
D. M. Laffin	4.30
J. J. Leahy El. Supply Co.	5.94
Henry D. Leary	162.37
Lehigh Val. Coal Co.	517.32
Lewis El. Supply Co.	27.10
Library Bureau	137.98
R. W. Lillie Corp'n	14.70
A. J. Lindenmann & Hoverson Co.	32.04
Alex Lindsay	79.00
Linscott Motor Co.	2,564.88
Lockerbee Appl. Co.	1.23
Lowell Elec. Lt. Corp.	66.54
Lukenheimer Co.	12.17
Magee Furnace Co.	168.36
Malden Morris Plan Co.	145.92
Thomas Manley	40.00
Mann & Emery	24.00
Chas. T. Mann	1,033.98
Johns-Manville Inc.	196.60
Mathias Hart Co.	8.39
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., & Son	622.08
H. M. Meek Pub. Co.	40.00
N. E. Mdse. Inc.	38.00
D. O. Miller Co.	83.02
The Miller Co.	155.53
Mun. Lighting Assn.	10.00
Munson Supply Co.	4.00
H. B. McArdle	305.07
G. W. McBride Co.	9.00
McLeod Henry Co.	73.50
McGraw-Hill Co.	3.00
Nat'l. Carbon Co.	41.76
Frank Nelson El Co.	32.60
New Eng. Coal & Coke Co.	15,207.59
N. E. Iron Works	40.06
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	1,236.95
Nineteen Hundred Washer Co.	1.08
Town of North Reading	140.00
North Reading Wagon Co.	55.05
Olmstead Flint Corp'n	5.56
Penn Metal Co.	45.50
Perrin-Seamans Co.	5.31
Pettingill-Andrews Co.	1,552.16
Oscar E. Philips	2.00

Portland St. Ware Co.	100.00
Premier Ser. Co.	1.10
Prentiss & Parker	3,951.71
Quaker City Range Co.	95.08
Radiolite S. S. Co.	1.75
John W. Ramsay	40.00
Reading Garage	360.38
Reading Motor Co.	321.26
Reading Tire Shop	224.00
Town of Reading, Treas.	76.23
Reg. of Motor Veh.	24.00
Reliance Ribbon & Carbon Paper	41.16
Renulife El. Co.	52.50
L. B. Renfrew Gray	98.00
Robbins Phalon Co.	3,168.31
W. C. Robinson & Son	32.97
Wesley A. Robinson	3.00
Roovers Bros.	21.46
Royal Typewriter Co.	1.50
Russell Coal Co.	249.75
R. V. P. Elec. Supply Co.	4,143.53
Sangamo El. Co.	32.85
Scannell Boiler Wks.	27.00
P. J. Seaman	56.67
Seigar Refrig. Co.	99.96
Shawmut Iron & Wire Wks., Inc.	36.00
J. Silverman & Bros.	23.50
Simplex El. Heat Co.	707.21
Chas. N. Smart	6.08
A. B. Smith	131.37
F. F. Smith	22.12
Soc'y for El. Development	323.98
Somerville Auto Parts Co.	30.00
W. S. Southwick	101.50
Spaulding, Moss Co.	17.52
Stan. El. Stove Co.	29.41
Standard Oil Co.	1,006.82
Standard U. G. Cable Co.	602.14
Chas. E. Stanwood & Son	355.41
Star Brass Mfg. Co.	11.76
Stearns Perry & Smith Co.	159.20
S. R. Stembridge Co.	416.21
F. W. Stevens	8.00
Daniel L. Sullivan	26.57
Mary A. Sutton	87.00
Swartzbauch Mfg. Co.	6.88
P. N. Sweetser	2,837.82

John Swen	3,191.00	
Syracuse Washing Mach. Co.	1.66	
J. S. Temple Co., Inc.	240.00	
John Tredenick, Inc.	1,040.90	
Thorp & Martin Co.	49.86	
Arthur H. Todd	178.00	
Toledo Cooker Co.	80.27	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	1,488.33	
U. S. Post Office	576.24	
Vacuum Oil Co.	59.78	
Vye-Smith Co., Inc.	770.95	
Wagner El. Corp.	1,187.10	
Geo. H. Wahn Co.	258.28	
Waite & Davy Co.	1,450.40	
Waldo Bros. & Bond	36.27	
Wales Adding Mch. Co.	113.50	
Washington El. Supply Co.	15.00	
Water Dept.	156.25	
Waterproof P. V. Co.	433.12	
Webster Thomas Co.	444.73	
Welsbach Co. of N. E.	45.12	
Westinghouse Elec. Mfg. Co.	2,105.79	
Western Electric Co.	1,803.34	
Wetmore Savage Co.	4,866.02	
Wheeler-Conds. & Eng. Co.	55.45	
C. H. Wheeler Mfg. Co.	190.22	
H. G. Wheeler	50.00	
A. W. Wiley	33.00	
Wilmington High School	59.00	
Woburn Iron Foundry	60.00	
Woburn Machine Co.	1,498.13	
W. A. Wood Co.	24.42	
Worthington Pump & M. Co.	4.40	
M. S. Wright Co.	48.48	
Y. & E. Mfg. Co.	8.72	
Total Payments	$222,601.17	$222,601.17

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Cr.

Appropriation	$ 500.00

Dr.

H. W. Batchelder	$ 2.00
D. A. Ives	149.00
Louise Smith, Treas., D. of V.	27.47

Veteran Post No. 194, G. A. R.	24.88	
John N. Weston	148.00	
Total Payments	351.35	
Balance to Revenue	148.65	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 500.00
Dr.		
Pay Rolls, Etc.	$ 500.00	
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

NORTH MAIN ST. SIDEWALK

Cr.		
Balance from 1924		$ 175.06
Dr.		
Pay Rolls	$ 94.95	
General Crush Stone Co.	80.11	
	$ 175.06	$ 175.06

CHILD WELFARE WORK

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 300.00
Dr.		
Mrs. Bertha Benjamin	$ 225.00	
C. R. Henderson, M.D.	75.00	
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

MIDDLESEX CO. BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 200.00
Dr.		
Middlesex Co. Extension Service	$ 200.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

TRAFFIC BEACONS

Cr.		
Appropriation		$ 1,338.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		50.00

Dr.

American Gasaccumulator Co.	$ 1,388.00	
	$ 1,388.00	$ 1,388.00

SMITH-HUGHES FUND

Cr.

Received 1925		$ 287.58

Dr.

School Dept. Agr. Pay Roll	$ 287.58	
	$ 287.58	$ 287.58

BUILDING LINES

Cr.

Balance from 1924		$ 819.88

Dr.

T. H. Von Kamecke	$ 100.00	
Balance to 1926	719.88	
	$ 819.88	$ 819.88

COMM. OF MASS. PAUPER SUPPORT

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 3,519.42

Dr.

Comm. of Mass. Div. of Child Guardianshp	$ 3,519.42	
	$ 3,519.42	$ 3,519.42

CHANNELL PROPERTY PURCHASE

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 7,600.00

Dr.

J. W. Morton, Atty.	$ 7,600.00	
	$ 7,600.00	$ 7,600.00

RENT G. A. R. ROOMS

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 360.00

Dr.

M. E. Brande	360.00	
	$ 360.00	$ 360.00

PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES

Cr.

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00

Dr.

Warren H. Manning	$ 700.00	
Margaret E. O'Neil	9.00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	132.76	
Total Payments	846.26	
Balance to 1926	153.74	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of Revenue

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925		$125,000.00

Notes Issued in 1925

Month	By whom purchased	Rate of disc.	Amt	
Feb.	Second Nat'l Bank, Boston	3.10	$ 30,000.00	
Apr.	Atlantic Nat'l Bank, Boston	3.39	50,000.00	
June	Atlantic Nat'l Bank, Boston	3.25	25,000.00	
June	Second Nat'l Bank, Boston	3.25	25,000.00	
June	Manhattan Woolen Co.	3.25	50,000.00	
Aug.	First Nat'l Bank, Boston	3.63	20,000.00	
Sept.	State St. Trust Co., Boston	3.95	30,000.00	
Nov.	Atlantic Corporation, Boston	3.95	50,000.00	
Dec.	Atlantic Corporation, Boston	3.80	15,000.00	
Dec.	First Nat'l Bank, Boston	3.83	50,000.00	
				345,000.00
				$470,000.00

Notes Paid in 1925

June	$ 50,000.00	
November	255,000.00	
December	50,000.00	
		$355,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		$115,000.00

ACCOUNTING MUNICIPAL LOANS

SEWER DEPARTMENT LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925	$187,000.00	
Paid in 1925		$ 12,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		175,000.00
	$187,000.00	$187,000.00

WATER DEPARTMENT LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925	$ 65,000.00	
Bonds issued in 1925	20,000.00	
Paid in 1925		$ 12,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		73,000.00
	$ 85,000.00	$ 85,000.00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925	$125,300.00	
Paid in 1925		$ 13,800.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		111,500.00
	$125,300.00	$125,300.00

MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925	$ 26,000.00	
Paid in 1925		$ 2,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		24,000.00
	$ 26,000.00	$ 26,000.00

MUNICIPAL AND LIBRARY BUILDING GROUNDS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925	$ 4,000.00	
Paid in 1925		$ 500.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		$ 3,500.00
	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00

BROWN ESTATE LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925	$ 4,000.00	
Paid in 1925		$ 500.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		$ 3,500.00
	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925	$ 11,000.00	
Paid in 1925		$ 5,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		6,000.00
	$ 11,000.00	$ 11,000.00

RICHARDSON ESTATE LOANS

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925	$ 1,500.00	
Paid in 1925		$ 500.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		1,000.00
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

PLAYGROUND PURCHASE NOTES

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1925	$ 5,000.00	
Paid in 1925		$ 2,500.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		2,500.00
	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00

FUNDED DEBT

Balancing Account

Total Debt, Jan. 1, 1925	$428,800.00	
Water Dept. Bonds issued in 1925	20,000.00	
Paid in 1925		
Sewer Department Loans		$ 12,000.00
Water Department Loans		12,000.00
Light Department Loans		13,800.00
Municipal Building Loans		2,000.00
Municipal Building and Library Grounds Loans		500.00
Brown Estate Loans		500.00
School Building Loans		5,000.00
Richardson Estate Loans		500.00
Playground Purchase Note		2,500.00
Total Payments 1925		48,800.00
Total Debt, Dec. 31, 1925		400,000.00
	$448,800.00	$448,800.00

SPECIAL DEBT ACCOUNT

FUNDED DEBT MATURING IN 1925

Cr.		
Appropriation, Tax Levy		$ 4,980.48
Appropriation from Excess & Deficiency Account		16,121.93
Appropriation from Overlay Reserve Fund		1,897.59
Transfer from Water Department		12,000.00
Transfer from Light Department		13,800.00
Dr.		
Payment of Loans due in 1925	$ 48,800.00	
	$ 48,800.00	$ 48,800.00

FUNDED DEBT MATURING IN 1926

Sewer Department Loans	$ 8,000.00
Water Department Loans	9,000.00
Light Department Loans	12,800.00
Municipal Building Loans	2,000.00
Municipal and Library Building Grounds Loans	500.00
Brown Estate Loans	500.00
Richardson Estate Loans	500.00
School Building Loans	1,000.00
Playground Property Note	2,500.00
Total	$ 36,800.00

TOWN DEBT — DETAIL OF PAYMENT BY YEARS

Year	Sewer Dept.	Water Dept.	Mun. Light Dept.	Mun. Bldg.	Brown Estate	Lib. and Mun. Bldg. Grounds	School Dept.	Richardson Estate	Playground Property	Totals
1926	$8,000.00	$9,000.00	$12,800.00	$2,000.00	$500.00	$500.00	$1,000.00	$500.00	$2,500.00	$36,800.00
1927	8,000.00	9,000.00	12,800.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	.....	34,300.00
1928	8,000.00	9,000.00	12,800.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	33,800.00
1929	8,000.00	9,000.00	11,800.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	32,800.00
1930	9,000.00	9,000.00	10,800.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	32,800.00
1931	9,000.00	4,000.00	9,000.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	26,500.00
1932	9,000.00	4,000.00	9,000.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	.....	.....	.....	25,000.00
1933	9,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23,000.00
1934	9,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,000.00
1935	8,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000.00
1936	8,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,000.00
1937	8,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,500.00
1938	8,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,500.00
1939	8,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,500.00
1940	8,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00
1941	7,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000.00
1942	7,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000.00
1943	7,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00
1944	7,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,000.00
1945	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00
1946	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00
1947	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00
1948	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00
1949	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00
Totals	$175,000.00	$73,000.00	$111,500.00	$24,000.00	$3,500.00	$3,500.00	$6,000.00	$1,000.00	$2,500.00	$400,000.00

BORROWING CAPACITY

	Total Valuation	Abatement	Net Valuation
1923	$10,410,283.00	$72,082.00	$10,338,201.00
1924	12,535,348.00	100,592.00	12,434,756.00
1925	13,292,886.00	61,384.00	13,231,502.00

Average net valuation 3 years, $12,001,486.00.

Note:—Indebtedness of towns limited to three per cent of valuation of three preceding years (Chap. 44, Sec. 10, G. L.).

Three per cent is			$360,044.00
Total Debt		$400,000.00	
Exempted Loans:			
Water Department	$ 73,000.00		
Light Department	111,500.00		
Sewer Department	175,000.00		
Playground Purchase	2,500.00		
		$362,000.00	$ 38,000.00
Borrowing Capacity, Dec. 31, 1925			$322,044.00

ACCOUNTING TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Bequest Fund, 1925

Balance in Mechanics Savings Bank, Jan. 1, 1925			$ 12,288.45
Received Bequests			2,595.00
Interest			1,639.97
Bonds Sold			2,500.00
Premium on bonds sold			16.72
Securities purchased, listed at par value:			
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. 5's, 1952		$ 5,000.00	
Northern Pac. Ry. 6's, 2047		5,000.00	
N. Y. Cent. R. R. Ref. & Imp. 5's, Series C. 2013		4,000.00	
Accumulated interest on above		210.13	
Premium on above chg'd to interest		449.09	
Transferred to Cemetery Trustees, from interest		1,239.46	
Balance in Mechanics Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1925		3,141.46	
		$ 19,040.14	$ 19,040.14

CEMETERY BEQUEST FUND, TO DEC. 31, 1925

Bequests to Jan. 1, 1925	$ 33,960.15
Bequests in 1925	2,595.00
Unexpended interest	405.40
Surplus (profit on bonds)	1,180.91
Securities listed at par value:	

U. S. Liberty Bonds, 3rd	$ 9,000.00	
U. S. Liberty Bonds, 4th	12,000.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., 1st Mort. 5's, Series A, 1952	5,000.00	
Northern Pac. Ry. Ref. & Imp. 6's, Series B, 2047	5,000.00	
N. Y. Cent. R. R. Ref. & Imp. 5's, Series C, 2013	4,000.00	
Balance Mech. Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1925	3,141.46	
	$ 38,141.46	$ 38,141.46

HOSPITAL FUND

Received from Estate of Gilman L. Parker, account, Bequest		$ 35,000.00
Interest on Bequest		10,000.00
Securities purchased listed at cost:		
Boston & Albany R. R. Co. Imp. Bond of 1908, 4's, 1933	$ 4,798.00	
N. Y. Cent. H. R. R. R. 4's, 1934	4,737.50	
Old Colony R. R. Co. 1st Mort. 5's, Series B, 1945	5,075.00	
Illinois Central R. R. 4's, 1952	4,437.50	
St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba Consolidated 4's, 1933	4,831.25	
Accumulated interest on above	195.71	
Deposited as follows:		
Mechanics Savings Bank	5,000.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	5,000.00	
Andover Savings Bank	5,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank, Reading	5,925.04	
	$ 45,000.00	$ 45,000.00

READING HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Received from Estate of Gilman L. Parker Bequest		$ 5,000.00
Interest on Bequest		41.11
Deposited as follows:		
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	$ 1,000.00	
Andover Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence	1,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank, Reading, Savings Dept.	2,041.11	
	$ 5,041.11	$ 5,041.11

GEORGE F. BUCK FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1925, Mechanics Savings Bank ...	$ 72.89	
Interest, 1925	3.29	
Balance Dec. 31, 1925 per pass book		$ 76.18
	$ 76.18	$ 76.18

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1925, Mechanics Savings Bank ..	$ 106.49	
Interest, 1925	4.82	
On hand Dec. 31, 1925, per pass book		$ 111.31
	$ 111.31	$ 111.31

TRUST FUNDS CASH AND SECURITIES

Balance, Jan. 1, 1925	$ 35,967.83
Received Cemetery Bequests	2,595.00
Received Interest, etc., on Cemetery Bequest Fund	1,610.99
Received Interest on Bonds Sold, Cemetery Bequest Fund	45.70
Received Interest on Bonds Sold, Cemetery Fund	45.70
Received Interest on Geo. F. Buck Fund	3.29
Received Interest on Library Fund	4.82
Received Estate of Gilman L. Parker account Hospital Fund	45,000.00
Received Estate of Gilman L. Parker Reading High School Scholarship Fund ..	5,041.11
	$ 90,268.74
Paid out, Care of Cemetery Lots	1,239.46
Paid out, Premium on Bonds Purchased	449.09
Paid out, Interest on Bonds Purchased	210.13
	$ 1,898.68
Balance, Dec. 31, 1925	$ 88,370.06

Cemetery Bequest Fund, Bonds	$ 35,000.00
Hospital Fund, Bonds	24,074.96
Savings Bank Deposits:	
Cemetery Bequest Fund	3,141.46
Hospital Fund	15,000.00

First National Bank, Reading:	
Hospital Fund	5,925.04
Reading High School Scholarship Fund	3,000.00
First National Bank, Savings Dept.:	
Reading High School Scholarship Fund	2,041.11
Mechanics Savings Bank:	
Geo. F. Buck Fund	76.18
Library Fund	111.31
	$ 88,370.06

TOWN OF READING
BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31, 1925
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Cash in Banks and Office		$ 52,837.94	Temporary Loans		$115,000.00
Taxes and Assessments Receivable:			Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Taxes, 1921	$ 46.62		For 1921 Taxes	$ 46.62	
Taxes, 1922	257.19		For 1923 Taxes	366.75	
Taxes, 1923	366.75		For 1924 Taxes	1,388.41	
Taxes, 1924	1,388.41		For 1925 Taxes	2,829.35	
Taxes, 1925	135,824.21				$ 4,631.13
Moth, 1925	321.15		Overlay Reserve Fund		4,655.11
Sewer Ass'ts' and Interest	1,333.56		Moth Assessments, Revenue		321.15
Sewer Rentals	175.20		Sewer Assessments, Revenue		1,333.56
		$139,713.09	Sewer Rentals, Revenue		175.20
Departmental Accounts Receivable:		$ 2,667.79	Sewer Ass't Revenue due 1926 to 1935		11,361.39
Sewer Ass't Appor'n Rec. 1926-1935		11,361.39	Departmental Accounts Rec., Revenue		2,667.79
Water Dept. Accounts Rec.		247.05	Water Dept. Account Rec., Revenue		247.05
Municipal Light Dept. Accounts Rec.		35,066.44	Mun. Light Dept. Acct. Rec., Revenue		35,066.44
Tax Titles held by Town		5,208.91	Water Dept. Maint. Account		2,725.57
Municipal Light Dept. Advanced		7,353.18	Sewer Dept. Maint. & Const. Acct.		21,596.37
Municipal Light Dept.: Cash		150.00	Sewer Dept. House Connections Acct.		1,066.63
Water Dept.: Cash		100.00	Cemetery Reserve Fund		1,651.07
			Appropriation bal. forward to 1926:		
			Block System Survey	$ 5.50	
			South Street Repairs	96.38	
			Building Lines	719.88	
			Drainage System Survey	1,000.00	
			John Street Drain	771.74	
			School Land Purchase	19,161.67	
			School Land Survey, Etc.	2,351.67	

BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

		Water Mains Extension	8,371.90	
		Planning Board	153.74	
				$ 32,632.48
		Tax Titles Revenue		5,208.91
		War Poll Tax Refund		4,069.82
		Excess & Deficiency Account		10,296.12
	$254,705.79			$254,705.79
		DEBT ACCOUNTS		
Net Funded Debt	$400,000.00	Sewer Constuction Loans	$175,000.00	
		Water Department Loans	73,000.00	
		Municipal Light Department Loans	111,500.00	
		Municipal Building Loans	24,000.00	
		Mun. Building & Library Gds. Loans	3,500.00	
		Brown Estate Loan	3,500.00	
		School Building Loans	6,000.00	
		Richardson Estate Loans	1,000.00	
		Playground Purchase Notes	2,500.00	
	$400,000.00			$400,000.00
		TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities ..	$ 88,370.06	Cemetery Bequest Fund for Perpetual Care	$ 38,141.46	
		George F. Buck Fund	76.18	
		Public Library Fund	111.31	
		Hospital Fund	45,000.00	
		Reading H. S. Scholarship Fund ..	5,041.11	
	$ 88,370.06			$ 88,370.06

GRACE V. VIALL, COLLECTOR,

Dr.

Amount	uncollected, Dec. 31, 1924, account 1921 Tax	$ 194.62
"	Interest collected, account 1921 Tax	31.45
"	uncollected, Dec. 31, 1924, account 1922 Tax	431.94
"	Interest collected, account 1922 Tax	12.84
"	uncollected, Dec. 31, 1924, account 1923 Tax	1,690.22
"	Interest collected, account 1923 Tax	187.86
"	uncollected, Dec. 31, 1924, account 1924 Tax	120,264.70
"	Interest collected, account 1924 Tax	3,879.94
"	uncollected, Dec. 31, 1924, account 1924 sewer	1,951.11
"	Interest collected, account 1924 sewer	51.27
"	Poll Tax Warrants, June and December, 1925	5,386.00
"	General Tax Warrant, Sept. 4, 1925	448,341.52
"	Moth Tax, Sept. 4, 1925	1,070.65
"	General Tax Warrant, Dec. 10, 1925	300.44
"	Interest collected, account 1925 Tax	269.29
"	Interest collected, account 1925 Sewer	1.81
"	Sewer Commitment for 1925	3,441.97
"	uncollected sewer rentals, Dec. 31, 1924	87.90
"	Sewer rentals, Jan. 1, 1925	2,927.10
"	Sewer rentals, July 1, 1925	3,128.30
"	Sewer rentals, Sept. special readings	29.40
"	Advanced payments on apportioned sewer, 1922 Commitment	176.24
"	Advanced payments on apportioned sewer, 1924 Commitment	16.80
"	Interest on apportioned sewer, 1924	6.37
"	Sewer Betterment, Oct. 2, 1925	1,058.49
"	Sewer Betterment, Oct. 23, 1925	412.65
"	Received account redemption property	1,505.84
"	Costs and charges	611.00
"	Abatement charged back	30.00
"	Interest collected account sewer betterment	.33
		$597,498.05

IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF READING

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Amount	paid Treasurer account 1921 Tax	$ 179.45
"	uncollected 1921 Tax	46.62
"	paid Treasurer account 1922 Tax	97.61
"	abated account 1922 Tax	89.98
"	uncollected account 1922 Tax	257.19
"	paid Treasurer account 1923 Tax	1,393.04
"	abated account 1923 Tax	118.29
"	uncollected account 1923 Tax	366.75
"	paid Treasurer account 1924 Tax	121,862.45
"	abated account 1924 Tax	516.35
"	transferred to Tax Title account, 1924 Tax	2,369.55
"	transferred to Tax Title account, 1924 Sewer	10.26
"	uncollected account 1924 Tax	1,388.41
"	paid Treasurer account 1925 Tax	316,638.36
"	abated account 1925 Tax	2,144.87
"	transferred to Tax Title account, 1925 Tax	439.31
"	uncollected account 1925 Tax	136,145.36
"	paid Treasurer account 1925 Sewer	2,333.94
"	uncollected account 1925 Sewer	1,109.84
"	paid Treasurer account 1924 Sewer Rentals	78.60
"	transferred to Tax Title account, 1924 Sewer	9.30
"	paid Treasurer account 1925 Sewer Rentals	5,909.60
"	uncollected account 1925 Sewer Rentals	175.20
"	paid Treasurer advanced payments on app. Sewer	199.41
"	paid Treasurer account 1925 Sewer Betterments	985.61
"	to be apportioned account 1925 Sewer Betterment in 1926	261.81
"	unapportioned account 1925 Sewer Betterment in '26	223.72
"	paid Treasurer account interest 1925 Sewer Betterment	.33
"	paid Treasurer account redemption property	1,505.84
"	paid Treasurer account costs and charges	508.35
"	paid Constable account costs and charges	102.65
"	paid Treasurer abatement charged back	30.00
		$597,498.05

GRACE V. VIALL, Collector of Taxes.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 31, 1925.

Approved: Leon G. Bent, Town Accountant.

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